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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Museum responds to New York Times' critical piece

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is, by its very nature, a ground zero for uncomfortable conversations about our country's historically dark relationship with indigenous peoples, a museum spokesperson says.

Angela Cassie, vice-president of public affairs and programs, was responding to a recently published New York Times article about the museum entitled, A Museum About Rights, and a Legacy of Uncomfortable Canadian Truths.

In the piece, author Dan Levin says the multimillion-dollar building is "a symbol of contractions between the nation's modern multicultural identity and what critics say is an unreconciled legacy of human-rights violations against indigenous peoples that continue to this day."

Levin cites criticisms of indigenous rights activists, who note an underwhelming emphasis placed on contemporary issues and systemic injustices that plague our country's indigenous population.

"It's with complete humility that we take in this feedback, and I think we recognize our responsibility to create a place for these conversations," Cassie said of the article.

"It's a Canadian conversation, and the museum is a place and a space that has become a focal point for the conversation, and perhaps that's what Canada needed."

She emphasized the museum, which opened its doors in 2014, is still in its infancy and always looking to deepen and evolve its content.

Cassie pointed out the article addressed some dated issues, such as the physical layout of the displays.

Rather than developing an exhibit explicitly dedicated to the federal government's violations against indigenous peoples, Cassie said museum staff decided to include "indigenous perspectives" in each gallery.

"We wanted not to set it apart from the rest of Canadian history but be able to put it in that broader context," she explained.

She highlighted the museum's choice to display indigenous content through more focused exhibits, such as The Witness Blanket — a travelling piece that explored Canada's Indian residential school system — as well as through various special programming and events such as a recent visit by Buffy Sainte-Marie.

"We can always serve to do more," Cassie added.

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Students ready to relax

CAMPUS LIFE

Universities schedule an extended reading week

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro|Winnipeg

Local university students are getting ready to read, relax and party as post-secondary institutions pencil in extended fall breaks in their schedules.

At the University of Winnipeg, students get a full week of time off from Oct. 10 to 14, while the University of Manitoba axed classes for Oct. 6 and 7. Both schools are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday.

Laura Elsie, vice president of student affairs for the University of Winnipeg Students' Association, said the introduction of a fall reading week was inspired by similar breaks at schools across the country, like Ryerson University and the University of Alberta.

So far, reaction to the extra vacation days has been mostly positive, she said.

"People really appreciate it, particularly folks who might be having a really heavy courseload, being able to take the time in the middle of the term to catch up on work and get ahead," Elsie said.

"We have had a few students concerned that because this is the first year (of the break) being implemented, the profs weren't ready for it. So they've had to play a lot of catch up in class."

Hannah Kroeker, a second-year psychiatric nursing student at the University of Winnipeg and Brandon University, isn't a fan of the fall break.

"Not having a fall reading week... would allow students to have a more moderate workload for an extended period of time, as opposed to a week off and then a more intense workload," she said.

The University of Manitoba Students' Union drew inspiration from the UWSA to develop a fall break for students, but they're easing into the idea, taking only two days off.

They may push for a week-long break next year, said UMSU president Tanjit Nagra.

"Most people are happy for an extra couple days where you can get caught up on your assignments and just relax a little bit," she said.

Red River College is not offering a fall reading break this year, while Brandon University is offering an extra "study break" day Nov. 10.

METRO ASKS What are your plans for the fall break?

Throughout the week, I'm going to study, and on the weekend we're going to party and go to Kanye West.

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Dhruv Barman, 22
Third-year kinesiology

I'm getting a tattoo next week and that's all I really have planned.

Christin Hall, 20
First-year film and psychology

I'm doing volunteer work for the university next week and then I'm doing homework. I have a midterm the day I get back.

Mitch Rear, 19
Second-year film

I'm going back to my hometown (Lac du Bonet) and doing a workshop with the drama kids at my old high school.

Kathleen Harland, 18
First-year theatre

I'm so busy I'm just doing homework and work. Trying not to go insane and get a couple parties in, actually.

Cade Kuehl, 23
Rhetoric and conflict resolution

We're going to a Thanksgiving Day party with my home-stay family. We will have turkey and ham and cheesecake. And we're going to an Escape room after. — Lee

Aya Takasaki, 19; Jia Lee, 25
English

Mayor advised to 'attack' reporter

MEDIA

2015 Maclean's article cast city as Canada's most racist

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Mayor Brian Bowman says he was advised to attack or discredit the author of a 2015 Maclean's article that called Winnipeg the most racist city in Canada.

On Thursday, Bowman said that he received a myriad of advice that day from advisers both from inside — and outside — his office on how to respond.

He recalled details of that January day while delivering a keynote speech on reconciliation to a room of around 200 business officials gathered for a conference organized by Deloitte.

"It's not uncommon for politicians — when faced with that scenario — to simply attack the messenger, to try to discredit Nancy Macdonald and Maclean's and argue that they got it wrong," Bowman told reporters Thursday.

He said the advice he received included: "Try to find a diversion," "Just stay in your office, and don't come out, don't speak to it," and "It'll just go away."

"I didn't believe that was the right thing to do," Bowman said.

He clarified that friends and confidants outside his office gave him that advice, which he ultimately ignored.

"There are some people who probably still feel that way."

Before the calls of advice began streaming in, Bowman said that, on a personal level, he was initially angered when he read the headline.

"You read a headline calling your city out that way — I was upset. And I'm using diplomatic language right now."

At that time, Bowman — a first-time politician — said while reading the article he struggled with questions of what to do next, how to respond and what to say.

> **"I didn't believe that was the right thing to do.**
> Brian Bowman

But the decision he made to call a press conference and agree with the central premise of the piece was a "no-brainer."

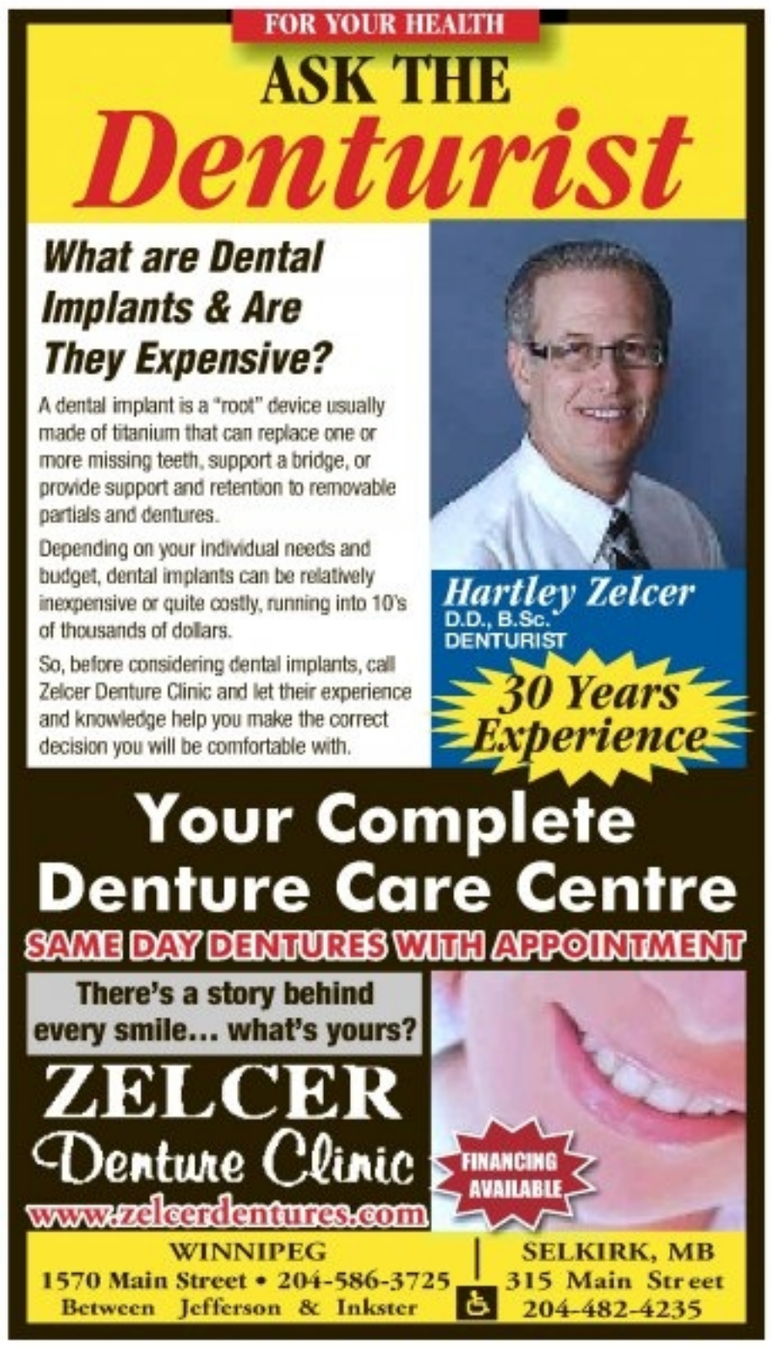
"It would have been really hard for me to stand in front you and national media and argue that there's no racism in Winnipeg," he said.

During Thursday's speech, Bowman highlighted city hall's continued work to fight racism.

He pointed to his declaration that 2016 is the year of reconciliation, and underlined ongoing efforts to implement the calls to action outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Bowman also urged local business leaders to adopt the calls themselves by hiring young indigenous employees and training their staff appropriately.

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman speaks to reporters on Tuesday. Bowman revealed he was told by staff to discredit an article published in 2015 calling Winnipeg Canada's most racist city. Instead he confronted the issue and declared 2016 to be a year of reconciliation. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



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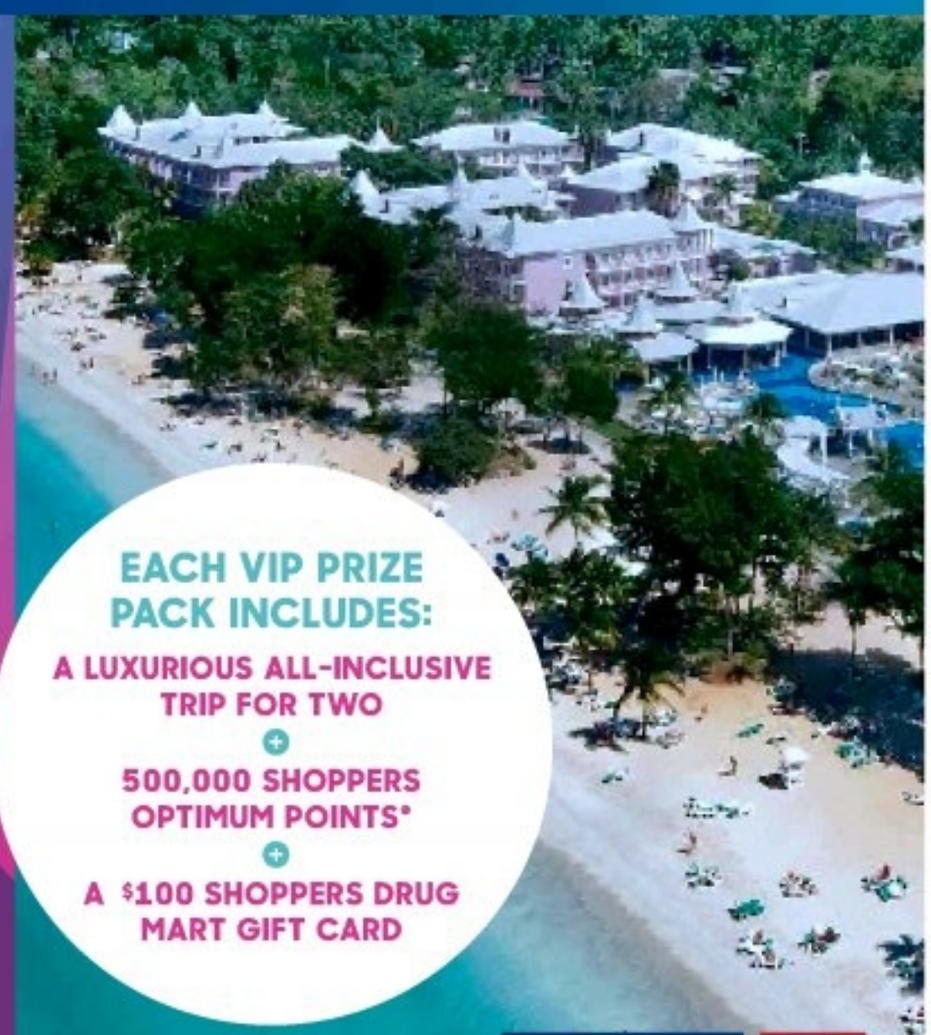

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FLASH FESTIVAL

Artist-in-residence's candid photos on display

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

A Canadian-Iranian artist has been taking candid photos of restaurant diners in West Broadway for the last month and is ready to show off his handiwork.

Reza Rezaï, a photographer and curator at La maison des artistes visuels in St. Boniface, created the series "I ate three cheeseburgers but they all taste the same" during an artist-in-residence stay at The Tallest Poppy.

He will debut the work Friday evening at the restaurant (103 Sherbrook St.), as part of Winnipeg's monthly First Fridays art crawl and the FLASH Photography Festival.

The artist-in-residence program was developed by Synonym Art Consultation to encourage interactions between artists and audiences.

"This brings the public into the studio of an artist whereas often there's that divide. It's hard for people to understand the process of an artist and everything that goes into making a work of art," said Chloe Chafe, Synonym's co-founder.

Rezaï asked diners' permission before taking their photos and was on the hunt for "intricacies in the restaurant. Little moments that would otherwise go missed," said Chafe.

For more information, visit synonymartconsultation.com.

Reza Rezaï's photos are at The Tallest Poppy Friday. CONTRIBUTED

CELEBRITIES

Full(er) House actor spotted in Winnipeg

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Winnipeg

If you grew up watching Full House, and you've tuned into the Netflix series Fuller House, you'll probably recognize the actor who plays D.J. Tanner, who is currently in Winnipeg.

Candace Cameron Bure, who portrays the eldest daughter in San Francisco's most popular fictional family of the 1990s, recently stopped in to the Green Carrot Juice Company in Osborne Village.

Owner Obby Khan said a friend walked in with the 40-year-old actor and co-host of The View. He recognized her right off the bat.

"She was super friendly," said Khan. "She's just really chill. She said, 'It was the only day off I've had in a while, so I thought we'd come check out some local shops and we wanted to get something healthy and fresh and local.'"

He said Cameron Bure, who is in town shooting a movie, and her crew bought about six or seven juice flavours.

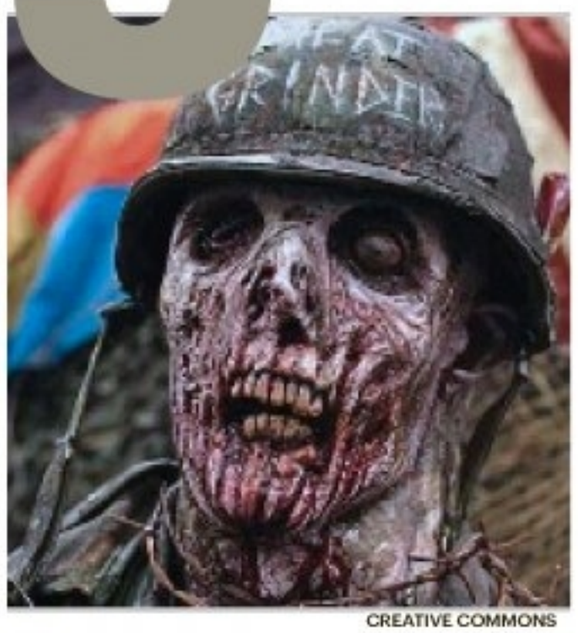
Cameron Bure also posted a photo on Instagram at an undisclosed location with a caption: "Great evening with long time friends in Winnipeg. XO"

She's not the first celebrity to stop in Khan's juice bar. Lil Jon, Jonathan Toews and Winnipeg Jets players have all made appearances.

Obby Khan, owner of the Green Carrot Juice Company, with Candace Cameron Bure. TWITTER

5 THINGS TO DO IN WINNIPEG THIS LONG WEEKEND

It's the first full weekend of October — and a long one at that. If you're not sitting on the couch in a turkey coma, hit up one of these events. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO



CREATIVE COMMONS

1 If you're not too scared

Horror-flick fans craving the real deal can get lost in haunted mazes and chased down by zombies. There's Six Pines' annual October Haunt, which starts Friday night for $30. Then there's the Fear the Waking Dead zombie apocalypse-style escape room at Adrenaline Adventures in Headingley. Tickets cost about $30.

2 Get lost in Pandora

Cirque du Soleil is bringing its acrobatic rendition of Avatar to Winnipeg. TORUK – The First Flight is based on James Cameron's acclaimed fictional film, starring the nimble, blue-skinned Na'vi characters. The show takes place at MTS Centre Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets start at $55.0.

KYM BARRETT/ CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

3 Ziggy Marley

The five-time Grammy Award-winning reggae artist is coming to the Burton Cummings Theatre on Friday at 8 p.m. Hear the beats of for Bob Marley's oldest son, starting at $40.50.

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4 Art by boat

CREATIVE COMMONS

Local artists are collaborating on an "immersive" performance along the banks of the Seine River that you can only see from a canoe. The pay-what-you-can 1.5-hour paddle starts at various times between noon and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, with a Sunday rain date. www.savingsanityindustries.com.

5 CFL Home Game: Bombers vs. BC Lions

Now third in the West Division, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers will face off against the B.C. Lions on home turf on Saturday at 3 p.m. Acclaimed wide receiver Tori Gurley — who the Toronto Argonauts recently let go – will make for an intriguing addition to the Bombers. Tickets are available at bluebombers.com

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3D tech to help child amputees

PROTOTYPE

Engineer develops low-cost prosthetic hand for youth

Braeden Jones
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A Winnipeg engineer has found a cheaper way to give youth amputees a hand — specifically, a controllable prosthetic that can open and close.

With modern technology, amputees can control prosthetics "myoelectrically," which basically means the devices react to electric signals in the muscles of a residual limb.

"When you flex your bicep, for example, there are these naturally occurring electric signals that can be measured in voltage — and it can be used to actually control a (prosthetic device)," explained Matt Gale of Northern Bionics, who's recent pitch for a cheaper youth version of such a device won him $1,000 at North Forge's Pitch Idol competition.

Gale explained it's an effective technology that adult amputees appreciate, but it's also costly and delicate — making such prosthesis impractical and inaccessible for kids who might out-grow them in short order.

"They're very expensive, tens of thousands of dollars, and not practical ... it doesn't make sense for them to pay that much until they're a little older," he said.

Gale works full-time as an engineer specializing in 3D metal printing with Precision ADM in Winnipeg, but volunteers at the Rehabilitation Centre for Children (RCC).

"At the rehab centre, it was brought to my attention there's a void in the market for an affordable myoelectrically-controlled prosthesis," he said, noting he heard from families and the director of prosthetics alike that children face barriers in accessing the best technology for prosthesis.

That knowledge prompted him to combine his 3D printing know-how with young patients' needs to create a prosthetic hand he thinks could be sold for "less than $5,000."

"(That price point) puts it within reach of funding agencies and families, and within reach of a lot more children," he said.

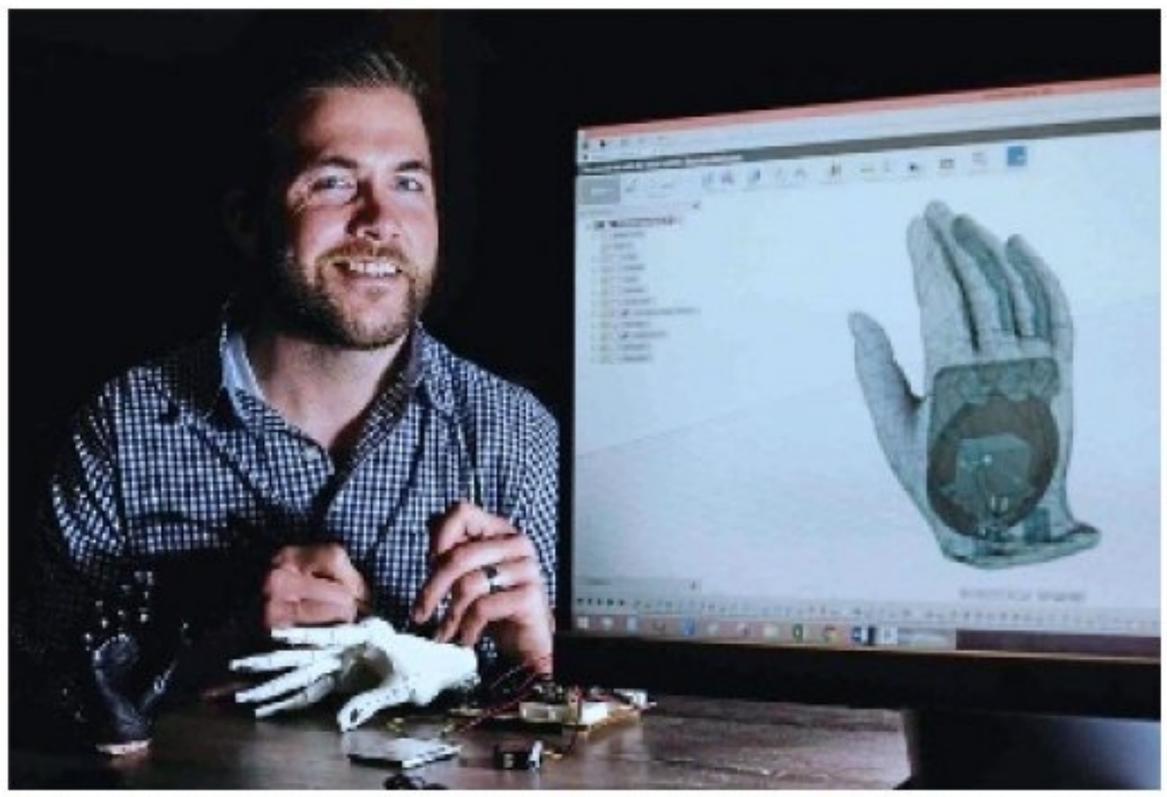
He keeps the price down with efficient material usage in the dialled-in printing process and takes advantage of open-source software.

Gale has completed one model already, and with his Pitch Idol winnings he's working on the second working prototype, which should be ready for testing this year.

He said things are "moving along faster now," and if all goes well, he plans to "get it tested at (the RCC) and then refine it from there."

He said he's looking forward to fine-tuning the functionality, as the prosthesis could be controlled with different inputs.

"The electrodes that mount to your skin pick up the electrical signals. If you flex a muscle, it (registers) as a command ... it sends a signal to the hand that says stay open, or close," Gale explained. "There can be different command strategies — one pulse open, two pulse close, that kind of thing."



Matthew Gale of Northern Bionics works on a child's prosthetic on Thursday that he invented in his Winnipeg lab. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

The Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association, which awarded Gale the Pitch Idol prize, said his device "could dramatically improve the lives of millions of underprivileged children around the world."

For all children engaged in rehabilitation, Gale's plan for a myoelectrically controlled hand that can open and close would be life changing.

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TRANSPORTATION

Missed opportunity for cyclists: Advocate

The city is confident that the Waverley underpass project will quell congestion for cars, but it might be a missed opportunity to improve things for cyclists, according to a bike advocate.

To be fair, there is both a three-metre-wide asphalt bike path and 1.5-metre-wide pedestrian sidewalk as part of the project.

Mark Cohoe of Bike Winnipeg admits it's an "important connection," and one that he supported when the city contacted his group as a stakeholder during the design phase.

"But there's some improvements that could be made," he said.

The underpass bike path connects to active transportation infrastructure as far west as Borebank Street, but falls just a few blocks short of getting all the way over to the next major north-south route: Kenaston Boulevard.

"We're a little concerned that it's not getting you that full distance," Cohoe said. "The other sort of issue is that we're flipping (cyclists) from one side of Taylor Avenue to the other as we go east or west, there's not a constant, cohesive pathway there."

Cyclists will have to cross Taylor several times to go where there's a path, which wouldn't be such an issue if the lane widths were regular.

"(But) the lane widths on Taylor and Waverley are ridiculously wide ... for an urban context it's just far too wide, they're up to 4.3 metres," Cohoe said. "Common is three metres, 3.5 metres would be wide—they're almost building it as if it were an interstate highway."

Besides inconvenience, Cohoe is worried the widths will allow for cars to drive at high speeds, something he said seems like backwards thinking in a modern city.

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Drivers wait for one of the many trains to pass at Waverley Street and Taylor Avenue. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

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Public get to weigh in on underpass

TRAFFIC

Waverley plan will 'eliminate' bottlenecks, says city staff

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The City of Winnipeg is putting the finishing touches on a $155-million underpass at "one of the busiest at-grade crossings in Canada," says the project manager.

With around 30,000 vehicles crossing the railway tracks over Waverley Street daily — meeting 35 to 40 long freight trains during their commutes — Cam Ward believes people will appreciate the underpass. The city is sharing the near-final designs this week and looking for feedback.

"Currently (the area) is a significant source of delays," Ward said. "The result (of the underpass) will be significant transportation improvements in the area.

"Creating this underpass will eliminate the delay issue due to trains."

The project has been in the works since 2014, when preliminary design work began. Public engagement along the way has brought the concerns of businesses and area residents to the forefront. Ward said their feedback has already been worked into the current design, which "mitigates impact" of the project.

When construction begins in January 2017, Ward said a full four-lane detour — two lanes in each direction — will open around the project site to the west.

"The detour is very critical, particularly for the southwest quadrant of the city, it's sort of hemmed in by river on one side, CN mainline on the north side. You'd end up with bottlenecks," he said.

The underpass beneath the CN main line is due to be completed in 2019. When that crossing reopens to cars, Ward said it will "really improve regional movement of traffic in the area."

But the detour will "operate as good or slightly better than the existing traffic conditions" in the meantime.

Other work occurring in concert with the underpass project includes twinning Taylor Avenue from Waverley Street to Lindsay Street in both directions, adding turning lanes at Wilkes Avenue and Taylor Avenue where they meet Waverley Street, as well as a turning lane on Grant Avenue and Wilkes Avenue.

After people weigh in on the detailed plans during Thursday's open house, Ward said designs will be finalized so work can begin this winter.

The Manitoba government is transferring control over the legislature's public rooms and outside grounds from government departments to the Speaker's office. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JOHN WOODS

Changes coming for public spaces

LEGISLATURE

NDP says move could limit access by protestors

The Manitoba government is transferring control over the legislature's public rooms and outside grounds from government departments to the Speaker's office — a move the Opposition New Democrats say is the start of a crackdown on public rallies and protests.

"I think that is clearly a step in trying to regulate and oppress the ability of Manitobans to gather on the legislative grounds for a myriad of different reasons," New Democrat legislature member Nahanni Fontaine said Thursday.

"I think that it is so wholly disrespectful to Manitobans to try and limit their access ... to what are grounds that belong to all Manitobans."

The idea was first announced in the Progressive Conservative platform before the April 19 provincial election, and repeated recently in Premier Brian Pallister's mandate letter to Justice Minister Heather Stefanson.

The idea, Stefanson said, is that legislature Speaker Myrna Driedger — an elected Tory — will be more non-partisan than the infrastructure or finance departments in deciding who can book meeting rooms in the legislature.

Fontaine does not accept that explanation. She pointed to an incident in 1996 when Premier Brian Pallister was minister of government services and prevented a group of anti-poverty protesters from camping on the legislature lawn.

At the time, Pallister said the government was not in the campground business and taxpayers shouldn't be liable if anything were to happen to the protesters while on government property.

Currently, public access to the legislature — inside and out — is largely unfettered. Rallies and protests on the front steps and lawn are common, and multi-day protest camps on issues ranging from child welfare to missing and murdered indigenous women occur regularly.

> **I think that it is so wholly disrespectful to Manitobans.**
> Nahanni Fontaine

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POLITICS

New Democrats apologize for calling 'shame' at opponents

Manitoba's Opposition New Democrats have apologized after their Tory opponents accused them of sexist shouting inside the legislature chamber.

The drama started Thursday morning when the Tory government voted against a proposed New Democrat bill that would have required post-secondary institutions to develop firm policies against sexual violence and harassment.

The Tories said three New Democrat members loudly shouted "shame" every time a female Tory stood up to vote against the bill, but were quiet when male Tories voted.

Sarah Guillemard, a rookie Tory member, filed a complaint with the legislature Speaker, saying it was clear the New Democrats were trying to intimidate female Tories.

Some New Democrats initially denied they had targeted female members of the Tory caucus, but the NDP later issued a written apology.

The brief statement said the NDP regrets what happened in the chamber and recognizes that women must feel safe and respected in their workplace.

The Tories plan to put forward their own legislation on sexual violence on campus next week, which they say will be stronger than the NDP's bill.

New Democrat Nahanni Fontaine said she didn't see the shouting targeted specifically at women on the Tory side of the chamber, and said the debate was loud all around.

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Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus Day 5: The way ahead

Solution right in front of us

Schools need to start treating sexual-assault survivors less as victims and more as experts

Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

Five days is nowhere near long enough to talk about campus sexual assault.

In our week-long series, Metro has attempted to frame this ongoing crisis in a new way, to articulate how campus sexual assault is a national issue — even international — and to point out the gaping holes in our national response.

But there were many aspects we did not get to cover. We did not investigate how racism and sexual violence intersect. We did not talk about how gender identity and sexual orientation impact violence, opting for a mostly heteronormative stance as a way into the problems.

We did not report on harassment and sexual violence experienced by professors and employees, a group often left out of the discussion; nor did we investigate the role of men and boys in finding solutions.

If colleges, universities and our communities at large are ever going to be made safe, all of these must be taken into account. Which means no simple solutions but plenty of opportunity for improvement.

For Farrah Khan, one overriding question is how to tackle campus assaults as part of the larger culture of sexual violence.

"We need a continual commitment from every level of government that sexual violence isn't tolerated in Canada," said Khan, the co-chair of the Ontario Provincial Roundtable on Violence Against Women and the inaugural co-ordinator of sexual-violence education and support at Toronto's Ryerson University.

Khan is particularly concerned with creating more accountable responses, across sectors and workplaces and communities. It's lacking almost everywhere you look: in the military, in the RCMP, in medicine and, of course, in post-secondary schools, which often lack any one person tasked with accountability and oversight, leading to a dangerous dilution of responsibly.

But Khan worries schools will respond to mounting public pressure and provincial legislation by moving to a criminal model for adjudicating complaints, despite its abysmal track record, both in encouraging women to come forward to police and testify in trials and in meting out punishment against assaulters.

Meanwhile, it's clear universities and colleges need to start treating survivors less as victims and more as experts. They know the schools' shortcomings better than anyone.

Join The Fight

Tell your story and pressure your MP using **#safercampusnow** and follow the series online at **metronews.ca**.

> "It's ridiculous that nobody's stepping up, so that's what we're doing."
>
> Paniz Khosroshahy, women's-studies major at McGill University and sexual-assault survivor

An encouraging step in this direction was Lucia Lorenzi's inclusion on UBC's Sexual Assault Panel. An alumna and sexual-assault survivor, Lorenzi has become a vocal activist.

"It doesn't send a good message when universities continue to have antagonistic relations with survivors instead of welcoming the critique and work they're doing," she said.

Indeed, when Metro asked five different schools if they specifically sought the input of survivors in their new sexual-assault polices, none had.

Lorenzi wants to see basic, across-the-board standards for sexual-assault policies at all post-secondary schools in Canada, elements that can be adapted to fit each campus — large or small, with or without residences, urban or rural. And, like Khan, she wants accountability.

Recurring asks from advocates

1. **Universal standards**
2. **Mandatory data collection**
3. **Independent oversight**
4. **Greater collaboration**

"I think it can be a two-step thing," she said — an arm's-length, provincial oversight committee, which reviews campus policies and responses, and a federal level to "make sure policies aren't just approved by people serving the interests of the university."

Lorenzi also criticized the draft policies released by many campuses in B.C. and Ontario this year, noting that no significant outside input from experts, students or survivors was sought.

Janet, a woman who spoke to Metro on condition of anonymity, wants to see administrators dismissed for not acting on complaints. She's an employee at an Ontario post-secondary institution, and four years ago, she said, she was sexually assaulted and harassed by two men, one of whom was and remains a colleague. Her school administration's response? Six weeks of inaction, and then this: "We're concerned you're too upset to work," she was told. "I got the threat," she said. "It was swept under the rug."

"Any incident needs to be reported to an independent third party," she said. "That gives accountability."

Janet was among many people who reached out to Metro this week, keen to talk, keen to help find solutions.

So it's not a question of public appetite for change, or action among grassroots groups. It's a question of leadership. Who is going to take a stand at a national level? Who is going to co-ordinate the vast amount of experience and expertise and input out there? Who is going to hold universities, colleges and other institutions to account?

Right now, the answer is no one.

About the series

Mon. | The power of five
The most organized Canada-wide effort to combat campus sexual assault comes from an unlikely crew of five young women.

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The problem is national, but solutions have been regional and parochial.

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Mounties offer 'sincere apology'

SAFETY

Female officers' harassment lawsuits settled

RCMP commissioner **Bob Paulson**, left, answers a question in Ottawa on Thursday as plaintiffs **Janet Merlo**, centre, and **Linda Davidson** look on. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson has delivered an abject apology to hundreds of current and former female officers and employees who were subjected to bullying, discrimination and harassment dating back as long as four decades.

Paulson made the apology Thursday as he announced the settlement of two class-action lawsuits stemming from harassment that has cast a dark pall over the storied police force.

"To all the women, I stand humbly before you today and solemnly offer our sincere apology," an emotional Paulson said.

"You came to the RCMP wanting to personally contribute to your community and we failed you. We hurt you. For that, I am truly sorry."

Paulson said the settlement would provide financial compensation for the women and lead to resolution of potential class-action lawsuits brought forward by former RCMP members Janet Merlo and Linda Gillis Davidson.

The federal government has earmarked $100 million for payouts, but there is no cap on the overall compensation that could be awarded. The settlement is expected to cover hundreds of women who served in the national police force starting from Sept. 16, 1974. It also includes creation of a scholarship in honour of the RCMP's first female regular members as well as establishment of national and divisional advisory committees on gender, sexual orientation, harassment, equity and inclusivity.

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A store in North Bay, Ont. is selling T-shirts to raise money for Ken Pagan's legal defense. FACEBOOK

BLUE JAYS

Friends rally behind Ken Pagan

Liz Brown
Metro | Toronto

One of Ken Pagan's friends from his time as a sports editor at the North Bay Nugget is showing his support for the alleged beer tosser with a fundraising campaign for his legal defence.

Pagan has been charged with mischief in the Blue Jays beer can incident after he was identified as the man in the image released by the Toronto police.

Paul McLean, owner of the Skater's Edge Source for Sports in North Bay, is selling #FREEPAGZ T-shirts for $10, with half the proceeds promised for Pagan's legal fees.

Metro ID'd this man as Ken Pagan

"The man I know and his love for sports — specifically baseball — I just can't believe that's him and looking at the videos out there, it's pretty inconclusive," says McLean. "I've never known him to get drunk and make a bad a judgment call."

"It's a small thing we can do, but there's a lot of pressure against him, so if the town of North Bay can rally for him, we want to do that. We want the best for him," he said.

If it turns out Pagan is the man behind the beer can toss, McLean said he would be "very disappointed" and donate the money to the North Bay Baseball Association instead.

The incident took place on Tuesday, when a can hurled from the stands narrowly missed Baltimore Orioles player Hyun Soo Kim. Pagan identified himself Wednesday, and is to appear in court next month.

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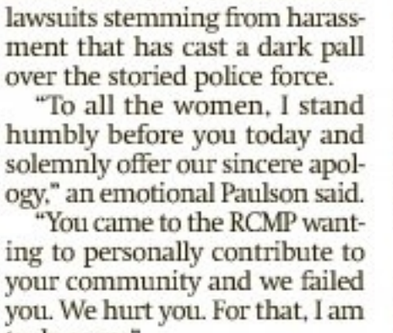

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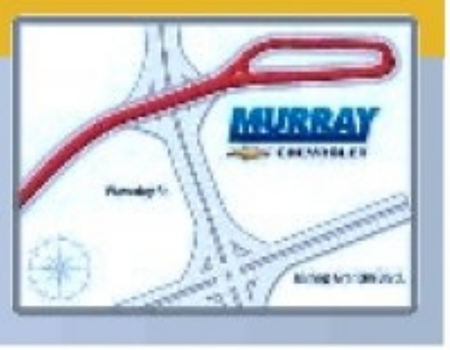

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Immigration a necessity, report says

REPORT

Influx of new Canadians is needed as we continue to age

Ottawa will need to raise its annual immigration level by one-third to 407,000 by 2030 to sustain its economic growth amid an aging population, says a new report on Canada's demographic trends.

Currently, Canadians 65 and over account for 16 per cent of the total population, but the ratio is expected to rise to 24 per cent in the next two decades, according to the report by the Conference Board of Canada, released Thursday.

With a birth rate hovering around 1.55 children per woman and a longer life expectancy, researchers examined five scenarios of population targets between now and the year 2100, and their impact on labour force growth and government expenditures for health care and old age security benefits.

"The aging of Canada's population will have a significant impact on Canada's potential economic growth. Weaker labour force growth will have a negative impact on household spending, while a more slowly expanding economy will engender less investment spending," warns the 54-page report. "Weaker economic growth over the long term will limit the amount of revenue that governments in Canada collect over the forecast period at a time when the aging of Canada's population will require significantly more expenditures … higher immigration can increase the growth of Canada's labour force over the long term and generate higher economic growth."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A report says Canada needs to increase immigration in order to support growth as the population ages. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DOLPHINS

Beat it, bottlenoses!

Six stranded dolphins are stubbornly refusing to be guided out of shallow waters in northern New Brunswick, rescuers said Thursday.

"The dolphins are doing what they want to do," said Tonya Wimmer, director of the Marine Animal Response Society. "We're going to regroup and figure out what to do about our little uncooperative dolphin friends."

It's been more than a week since seven dolphins became stranded near Lameque, with one dying two days later. To get back to open ocean, they would have to swim through an area that's only about a metre deep at high tide, and dolphins don't like shallow water. Three boats have made multiple attempts to herd the dolphins, but they always turn back before crossing out of the shallow water. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘Not going to take any chances’

WEATHER

Millions flee their homes as hurricane gains traction

The first outer bands of rain from Hurricane Matthew pass over downtown Orlando, Fla., on Thursday evening. JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leaving hundreds dead in its wake across the Caribbean, Hurricane Matthew steamed toward heavily populated Florida with terrifying winds of 225 km/h Thursday, and two million people across the Southeast were warned to flee inland.

It was the most powerful storm to threaten the U.S. Atlantic coast in more than a decade, and killed 283 in Haiti alone, according to one estimate Thursday night.

“The storm has already killed people. We should expect the same impact in Florida,” Gov. Rick Scott said as the skies began darkening from Matthew’s outer bands of rain.

The hurricane gained fury as it closed in, growing from a possibly devastating Category 3 storm to a potentially catastrophic Category 4 by late morning.

It was expected to scrape nearly the entire length of Florida’s Atlantic coast beginning Thursday evening. From there, forecasters said it would likely push along the coast of Georgia and South Carolina before veering out to sea — perhaps looping back toward Florida next week as a tropical storm.

Millions of people in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina were told to evacuate their homes, and interstate highways were turned into one-way routes to speed the exodus. Florida alone accounted for roughly 1.5 million people.

Many boarded up their homes and businesses and left them to the mercy of the storm.

“We’re not going to take any chances on this one,” said Daniel Myras, who struggled to find enough plywood to protect his restaurant, the Cruisin Cafe, near the Daytona Beach boardwalk.

He added: “A lot of people here, they laugh, and say they’ve been through storms before and they’re not worried. But I think this is the one that’s going to give us a wake-up call.”

THEME PARKS

In Orlando, Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and SeaWorld announced they were closing early.

President Barack Obama declared a state of emergency for Florida and South Carolina, freeing up federal money and personnel to protect lives and property.

The Fort Lauderdale airport shut down, and the Orlando airport planned to do so as well. Airlines cancelled more than 2,800 flights Thursday and Friday, many of them in or out of Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

Amtrak suspended train service between Miami and New York, and cruise lines rerouted ships to avoid the storm, which in some cases will mean more days at sea.

Forecasters said Matthew’s fiercest winds appeared unlikely to strike Miami or Fort Lauderdale, the most densely populated areas in Florida, with about 4.4 million residents. Those cities were expected to get tropical storm-force winds of between 62 km/h and 117 km/h.

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WOMEN’S RIGHTS

Poland says no to ban on abortion

Polish lawmakers voted overwhelmingly on Thursday to reject a proposal by an anti-abortion group that would have imposed a total ban on abortion, caving in to massive outrage by women who have been dressing in black and waging street protests across the country.

The mostly Catholic nation already has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in Europe, with abortion only allowed in rare cases — rape or incest, when the mother’s life is in danger or the fetus is badly damaged.

The proposal for further tightening the law came from a citizens’ initiative that gathered some 450,000 signatures in this nation of 38 million.

The proposal was highly unpopular with most Poles, with people balking at the idea that a teenage rape victim should be forced to have her baby, or that a woman whose health was badly compromised would be forced to carry to term.

The proposal had also called for prison terms of up to five years for women who sought abortions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Fight breaks out within UKIP as one member hospitalized

A man resembling Steven Woolfe, apparently unconscious on a walkway inside the European parliament building in Strasbourg, France. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Feuding in Britain’s fractious, right-wing U.K. Independence Party erupted into violence Thursday that left a member of the European Parliament hospitalized with a head injury after an “altercation” with a colleague.

Steven Woolfe — the front-runner to be UKIP’s next leader — suffered seizures and lost consciousness after clashing with another lawmaker Thursday morning during a meeting of party lawmakers at the legislative building in Strasbourg, France.

UKIP leader Nigel Farage said Woolfe was initially in a serious condition and “things were pretty bad.” But he said Thursday afternoon that Woolfe was “in a much better place than he was a few hours ago.”

Farage said he was launching an inquiry into the violence, which he said “shouldn’t have happened.” He declined to identify the other party member involved in what he termed “an altercation.”

According to media reports, Woolfe was punched during a fistfight with another lawmaker, hit his head and collapsed a little while later.

UKIP said Woolfe had two “epileptic-like fits” and lost consciousness. An image published by ITV News showed a man resembling Woolfe apparently unconscious on a walkway inside the building, just outside the parliament chamber.

Several hours later, Woolfe reported that he was conscious and recovering. He said in a statement that a CT scan had revealed he did not have a blood clot on the brain.

“I am feeling brighter, happier and smiling as ever,” he said.

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IN BRIEF

UN has a new leader

Portugal’s former prime minister Antonio Guterres, who was formally nominated on Thursday to be the next UN secretary-general, said he faces “huge challenges” and hopes to see unity and consensus during his term. Security Council President Vitaly Churkin, Russia’s UN ambassador, said members approved a resolution by acclamation recommending Guterres for a five-year term.

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UNITED NATIONS MIGRANT-SMUGGLING CRACKDOWN EXTENDED A woman carries her baby at the Kara Tepe camp for refugees and other migrants in Lesbos island, Greece, on Thursday. The UN Security Council adopted a resolution Thursday authorizing the European Union and individual countries to seize migrant-smuggling vessels on the high seas off Libya for another year. The resolution, adopted by a vote of 14-0 with Venezuela abstaining, stressed that the council's aim is "to disrupt the organized criminal enterprises engaged in migrant smuggling and human trafficking and prevent loss of life." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria is aflame on several fronts

CIVIL WAR

International attention is on battle for Aleppo

The battle for Aleppo has gripped the world, but it is hardly the only front among the tangle of adversaries clashing across war-torn Syria.

Opposition forces are on the offensive in the centre trying to sever the government's connection between Aleppo and the capital, Damascus, which is itself at the edge of a major theatre of the war. In the northwest, Turkish-backed opposition forces are battling Islamic State militants, while to the east government forces are weathering an Islamic State siege of Deir El-Zour.

Here's a look at some of the battles around Syria:

HAMA

In the central province of Hama, insurgent groups led by the extremist Jund al-Aqsa have been on the offensive since late August, capturing dozens of villages and towns close to the northwestern rebel stronghold of Idlib. The insurgents are now about 15 kilometres north of Syria's fourth-largest city, also called Hama.

DAMASCUS AND THE SOUTH

After retaking the once-opposition-held hub of Darya, on Damascus's southern outskirts, and forcing the evacuation of the 6,000 or so civilians and fighters trapped inside, the military and allied militias have turned their attention to the steadily shrinking zone of rebel control to the capital's northeast.

THE NORTHWEST

Opposition fighters backed by Turkish ground and air forces continue to erode the Islamic State group's hold over northern Syria while also containing the U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces that control most of the country's northern border. Turkey sees the Kurdish forces as an extension of its own outlawed Kurdish rebels.

DEIR EL-ZOUR

Syrian government forces and Islamic State militants are locked in battle over control of Deir El-Zour province, which is also the setting of some of the fiercest international coalition air raids against the extremists. The U.S.-led coalition is targeting bridges up and down the Euphrates River, leading the Syrian foreign ministry to accuse the air campaign of destroying the country's infrastructure.

ALEPPO

Rebel groups, President Bashar Assad's government and the government's international backers have committed thousands of fighters to the battle for Aleppo, Syria's largest city.

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Farmer Sam McCullough uses his combine to harvest quinoa near Sequim, Wash in September 2016. Quinoa, a trendy South American grain, barely has a foothold in American agriculture, but a handful of farmers and university researchers are working toward changing that. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

USA becoming keen on quinoa

AGRICULTURE

Farmers now recognizing popularity of Andean grain

To the south of Nash Huber's farm fields are the Olympic Mountains, peaking at nearly 8,000 feet. Due north is the end of a channel of Pacific Ocean waters that separate the United States from Canada.

Yet in this corner of the country is where the 75-year-old Huber hopes the South American grain quinoa takes root. Last month, Huber harvested quinoa commercially for the first time on about 30 acres, making him the latest addition to a small number of U.S. farmers trying to capitalize on American eaters' growing demand for the Andean grain.

"It's a beautiful crop," Huber said as he surveyed his combine grinding the plants and spitting out the seeds. He chose a variety called Redhead, which turned his field lipstick red for a couple of weeks before harvest. "We're still learning. I kind of stepped off the end of the dock here with a bit of a bite this year."

Americans consume more than half the global production of quinoa, which totalled 37,000 tons in 2012. Twenty years earlier, production was merely 600 tons, according to the United Nation's Food and Agricultural Organization.

> **I think we're witnessing the start of a staple.**
> Sergio Nunez de Arco

Yet quinoa fields are so rare in American farming that the total acreage doesn't show on an agricultural census, said Julianne Kellogg, a Washington State University graduate student monitoring quinoa test plots around the Olympic Mountains, including one next to Huber's field. A rough estimate puts the country's quinoa fields at 3,000 to 5,000 acres.

Quinoa's nutritional punch has pushed the grain beyond health food stores and into general consumption, propped up by celebrities like Oprah Winfrey. It has all the amino acids humans need, making it a complete protein, Kellogg said. That's hard to find in grain crops, she said. It's also gluten-free.

The grain's future is marked with possibilities, including milk, beer, cereals, hair products, snacks — products well beyond the salad bar.

"I think we're witnessing the start of a staple," said Sergio Nunez de Arco, a Bolivia native whose company, Andean Naturals, has been instrumental in bringing quinoa north, distributing to Costco, Trader Joe's and others.

The spike in demand from the U.S. and Europe led big farm operations in Peru to enter quinoa farming a few years ago. That resulted in an oversupply, and prices have been falling.

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ENERGY

Projects not held by climate debates

New research suggests that polarizing debates over the impacts of climate change are not the driving force behind local opposition to major energy projects.

And that's something governments and regulators need to consider as they push the transition to clean energy infrastructure such as tidal power, wind farms and hydro electricity.

A report released Thursday at an industry-sponsored energy conference looks at six controversial case studies across Canada, ranging from the Northern Gateway pipeline proposal in northern British Columbia to a gas-fired electricity plant in Oakville, Ont., and shale gas exploration in rural New Brunswick.

The joint project of the University of Ottawa and the Canada West foundation found that local communities are demanding a greater role in major infrastructure, whether it be wind farms, hydroelectric dams or pipelines.

The study concludes that "the world of elite, centralized decision-making is a thing of the past." That was a central theme of Thursday's "Engage" conference at the University of Ottawa, where Perry Bellegarde, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, gave the keynote address. "The days of trinkets and beads is over," Bellegarde told an audience of energy executives, policy experts and academics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Judge orders eBay to pay Montrealers $86K after cancelling sneaker auction

A judge has ordered eBay to pay two Montreal brothers more than $86,000 after the online auction giant took down their ad for a pair of highly prized Nike sneakers.

Kevin Mofo Moko and Sandrin Thierry Mofo Moko received a $98,000 offer for a pair of Nike "Air Foamposite Galaxy 1" sneakers they auctioned on eBay in February 2012 after paying $320 for the shoes from a Montreal vendor.

Two hours before the auction's deadline, however, eBay took down the ad from its online platform. The brothers said eBay informed them there was a problem with their ad and the auction had to be cancelled. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dream home will stay a dream, expert says

REAL ESTATE

New lending rules impact first-time buyers

Canada's first-time home buyers may have to shelve their dream house fantasies due to lending changes announced this week by the federal government, mortgage brokers say.

Ottawa moved this week to tighten mortgage lending rules that will limit the amount many Canadians can borrow to help ensure that when interest rates rise, they'll still be able to make their payments.

Mortgage broker Frank Napolitano says that means the size of mortgage many buyers will be able to qualify for will be less once the rules take effect on Oct. 17.

"First-time homebuyers will probably have to probably scale down the type of home that they may have planned to buy," said Napolitano, managing partner at Mortgage Brokers Ottawa.

Under the new rules, a stress test that had only applied to borrowers who opted for variable rate mortgages or fixed rate mortgages with terms less than five years will now be used for all home buyers with less than a 20 per cent down payment.

That means borrowers must be able to qualify for their mortgage using a higher interest rate than they will actually be paying on their mortgage.

The advertised special offer rates for a five-year fixed rate mortgage at Canada's big banks are around 2.5 per cent. However, the Bank of Canada-posted rate used in the stress test is 4.64 per cent based on the posted rate at the big banks.

"You're not paying more, but you're going to be able to buy less house," Napolitano said.

Napolitano used an example of a Canadian earning $70,000 a year with enough saved for a five per cent down payment, and carrying $500 a month in non-mortgage monthly debt payments such as a car loan.

Based on a five-year fixed-rate mortgage of 2.44 per cent, he estimated they could qualify for a loan that would allow them to buy a house worth about $370,000 under the old rules.

However, under the new stress test using 4.64 per cent, Napolitano estimated that same home buyer could only afford to buy a home worth about $280,000.

Jason Scott, a broker with the Mortgage Group in Edmonton, says many of his clients would not have qualified for their mortgages under the more stringent rules.

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First-time homebuyers will have to scale down the type of home that plan to buy under new lending rules announced this week, mortgage brokers say. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BY THE NUMBERS

$370,000

The amount a Canadian earning $70,000 could qualify for a loan based on 2.44 per cent interest.

$280,000

The amount a Canadian earning $70,000 could afford using 4.64 per cent under the new stress test.

ENVIRONMENT

Arctic leaders warming to national carbon tax

At least two territories , firmly opposed to any talk of a price on carbon just months ago now seem willing to listen to what Ottawa has to say. Bob McLeod of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Premier Peter Taptuna sounded open-minded in statements and interviews Thursday. Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski, however, remains dead set against the notion. Northern leaders have long been concerned a carbon tax would increase the cost of living in what are already the most expensive places to live in Canada. Their food is shipped using fossil fuels and they can't reduce their carbon footprint through public transit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ECONOMY

Non-resource exports rebound uncertain, top bank's exec says

The Bank of Canada's senior deputy governor says there's still uncertainty around the long-hoped-for rebound of the country's crucial non-resource export sectors.

In a speech Thursday, Carolyn Wilkins said the future of these exports is not entirely predictable despite some encouraging signs in the numbers from July and August.

"Uncertainty lingers," Wilkins said in the address at the Universite du Quebec a Trois-Rivieres.

"This uncertainty comes in part due to the future growth prospects for investment in the United States. It is also possible that the effect of lower oil prices on the American economy is not as positive as anticipated."

$100 billion

Worth of services that Canada exports — about one dollar out of every six from total exports.

The Bank of Canada has been waiting for the country's non-commodity exports to rebound ever since the collapse of oil prices and the dollar's slide a couple of years ago. Many are banking on the sector's eventual pickup to help lift the stubbornly sluggish economy.

Wilkins noted that while the central bank has seen "a clear upward trend" in non-commodity exports over the last six years, the weaker dollar's influence on their growth rate has mostly faded.

She recalled Thursday how Canada's non-resource exports underperformed in the second quarter of 2016, which was partly due to a period of weaker-than-anticipated growth and investment for the country's most-important trading partner: the U.S.

Canada, she added, also continues to face stiff competition from other countries like Mexico, where she noted the currency fell further than the loonie.

"It will take time to fully determine which factors affecting exports are temporary and which ones are permanent," Wilkins said.

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A study of animal videos on YouTube (really), researchers found that the bigger a creature's brain is, the longer they tend to yawn.

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The Toronto beer-can tosser is notorious by now, but there's disagreement about just how serious this crime could have been if a person's body was in the beer can's path. What affects a projectile's path, and the speed with which it hits the ground? Here are the basics — and yes, assuming the can was full, **it landed fast enough to hurt somebody.**

FINDINGS
Your week in science

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Dione, one of Saturn's seven moons, has an icy ocean world under its crust, according to data from NASA's Cassini spacecraft. Scientists think it's been there almost since the moon was formed, increasing the odds there's microscopic life under there.

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Bring on the Blunt-force drama

IN FOCUS

The Girl on the Train actress consistently steals the show

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

The first time most of us noticed Emily Blunt she was "on-the-edge of sickness thin." To play Emily Chalton, the prickly first assistant to the editor in The Devil Wears Prada, Blunt dropped pounds from her already slight frame. "It wasn't like doughnuts were snatched out of my hand," laughs the 5' 7½" actress, but she was encouraged to slim down. So much so she would occasionally cry from hunger during the shoot. Luckily, though rake thin, she still had the energy to steal the movie from her more seasoned co-stars, Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci.

Although the character fell directly into the love-to-hate-her category, audiences found Blunt irresistible. Her mix of vulnerability and fork-tongued charm earned the title Best Female Scene-Stealer from Entertainment Weekly and nominations for everything from a Teen Choice Award to a Golden Globe.

This weekend she plays a much different character in the much-anticipated thriller The Girl on the Train. Based on the Paula Hawkins bestseller — 11 million copies sold and counting — it's a dark cinematic journey into a missing person's case. The 33-year-old actress says playing an alcoholic divorcée who witnesses a crime from a train window, "the most challenging thing I've ever done."

Early reviews are strong. Variety raved she "excels as the broken-down heroine." Those kind of kudos are an echo of her much-admired, though lesser seen work, in the U.K.

We've also seen her as an oversexed young women opposite Tom Hanks in Charlie Wilson's War, warbling Stephen Sondheim's rich Into the Woods score, riding a polar bear in The Huntsman: Winter's War and dressed as Princess Diana in the quirky rom-com Five-Year Engagement.

She's done action in both Sicario and Edge of Tomorrow (later renamed Live. Die. Repeat. for home release). Big budget blockbusters don't usually make room for female characters unless they are sidekicks or girlfriends. In Edge of Tomorrow, Blunt avoids being objectified and is as strong, if not stronger than co-star Tom Cruise.

In Sicario she's part of an elite task force stemming the flow of drugs between Mexico and the U.S. A multi-farious mix of vulnerability, stone cold confidence and outrage, she delivered the most interesting female action star since Mad Max: Fury Road's Imperator Furiosa.

Next up her diverse career is the lead in Mary Poppins Returns. She says she's nervous because the flying nanny is "such an important character in people's childhood," but has been given the thumbs up by the original Mary, Julie Andrews. "It was lovely to get her stamp of approval. That took the edge off it, for sure."

Emily Blunt says playing an alcoholic divorcée in the recently-released The Girl on the Train was "the most challenging thing I've ever done." CONTRIBUTED

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Girl on the Train ★★	HOW RATING WORKS
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Bear witness to this icy, tainted love tale

FILM

Kim Nguyen's latest is surreal and covers several genres

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

The story of two star-crossed lovers on the run from bad memories is at the heart of Two Lovers and a Bear, a new Arctic-set film from Rebelle director Kim Nguyen.

Counselling the couple is a talking polar bear, a philosophical addition to a movie that is part romance, part thriller and all icy cold isolation.

Montreal native Nguyen says the script for the film evolved over time, but many of the elements, including the talking bear came to him on a stopover at the Amsterdam airport.

"I was reading Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami," he says. "There are weird gods in the book, kind of like imperfect Greek gods with flaws. It dawned on me that I should have something like an imperfect, flawed deity in the film."

At the same time he noticed the airport's giant brass teddy bears and voilà, the idea of an advice-giving polar bear was born.

The bear, played by a real polar bear named Agee and voiced by acting legend Gordon Pinsent, is the most fanciful part of a film that sees Lucy and Roman, played by recent Emmy winner Tatiana Maslany and Dane DeHaan, embark on a physical and metaphysical journey to confront their troubled, violent pasts.

"I've seen a lot of people like that," Nguyen says of the people he met in Nunavut, "(people) who just can't connect with an organized, dense, compact society. They have to go up North and that's why you meet very interesting, unique characters up there. Often it is the people who don't cope with societal norms."

Nguyen's unpredictable story intensifies with every twist, finding depth as the volatile Lucy and Roman explore the vast white expanse of their home and their innermost fears.

The lead actors have some heavy lifting to do to navigate the film's many shifts from comedy, to psychological drama and isolationist horror.

To survive the inhospitable cold of their home both must be strong willed characters but both also wear their fragility on their parka sleeves. As such, Maslany and DeHaan are perfectly cast.

"We met a lot of people," says Nguyen. "At the beginning it wasn't defined exactly who Lucy was going to be; where she would come from. We wanted to keep it open with the casting. Tatiana came a little later on. We didn't even think about her. Coming off of Orphan Black the casting director said, 'Why don't we try her? She's versatile. She has range.' She was gracious enough to do a screen test. She blew us away. She was totally way up there in the truthfulness and the authenticity. She is really someone who is able to connect. Kind of like Dane.

"I discovered Dane when I saw Place Beyond the Pines. When I saw that, I was certain that Dane wasn't a trained actor. He was so authentic I assumed he was this guy who had this one role in him. Then I learned he was a trained actor and was really impressed by his performance."

The six-week Nunavut shoot was gruelling for all, requiring physical stamina and a trait Nguyen calls "one of the biggest, most important qualities"— fearlessness.

"Dane and Tatiana have that," says the director. "They dive in and they are not analyzing their performance as they're playing it."

Kim Nguyen, right, director of Two Lovers and a Bear, and a still of the polar bear Agee (voiced by Gordon Pinsent) from the film. CONTRIBUTED

An uncomfortable yet urgent watch

HISTORY

Film honours the memory of a 19th-century slave rebellion

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

I am 36 years old right now. My faith is very important to me, so looking back through that lens, it's not the lens I had when I was 19 years old. Filmmaker Nate Parker

Nate Parker, centre, as Nat Turner, who is transformed from a docile slave into a righteous rebel and free man in The Birth of a Nation. JAHI CHIKWENDIU/HANDOUT

Can we forget the past even while being summoned to remember it?

That's the conundrum of The Birth of a Nation, Nate Parker's provocative drama of America's bloodiest slave rebellion, which the actor and filmmaker directed, co-wrote and stars in, and which sold for a record $17.5 million (U.S.) following its ecstatic Sundance premiere. Parker wants the world to recall a man and a story ill-served by history books: Nat Turner, an American-born slave turned Baptist preacher, who led an 1831 Virginia uprising that left 60 slave owners and 200 slaves dead through violent confrontation and retribution. It's a message and memory the film capably and viscerally honours.

Yet the first-time filmmaker doesn't want any rekindling of the collective conscience regarding his own disturbing past. In 1999, Parker and his Penn State University roommate Jean Celestin (later his screenplay co-writer) were charged with raping an intoxicated and unconscious fellow student.

Parker was acquitted at trial and Celestin was convicted (it was overturned on appeal), but the complainant, who was then 18 years old, always felt she'd been denied justice. She committed suicide at age 30 in 2012.

The rape allegation has stuck to Parker and The Birth of a Nation since the 1999 story broke wide in late August. Parker hasn't helped his situation or that of his movie by steadfastly refusing to apologize for his actions, which he puts down to youthful indiscretion and false accusation.

He and Celestin have also made rape a central part of The Birth of a Nation, as Parker's Turner is galvanized to lead the anti-slavery rebellion after his wife (Aja Naomi King) is sexually assaulted by slave owners led by a vile redneck (Jackie Earle Haley). Another rape — both happen off-camera — involves a character played by Gabrielle Union.

The Birth of a Nation is a film for alert minds, even those that can't — and shouldn't — forget the past and present behaviour of its maker. Parker commands the frame as Turner, taught as a child to read the Bible by a kindly matriarch (Penelope Ann Miller), who put humanity slightly ahead of human ownership.

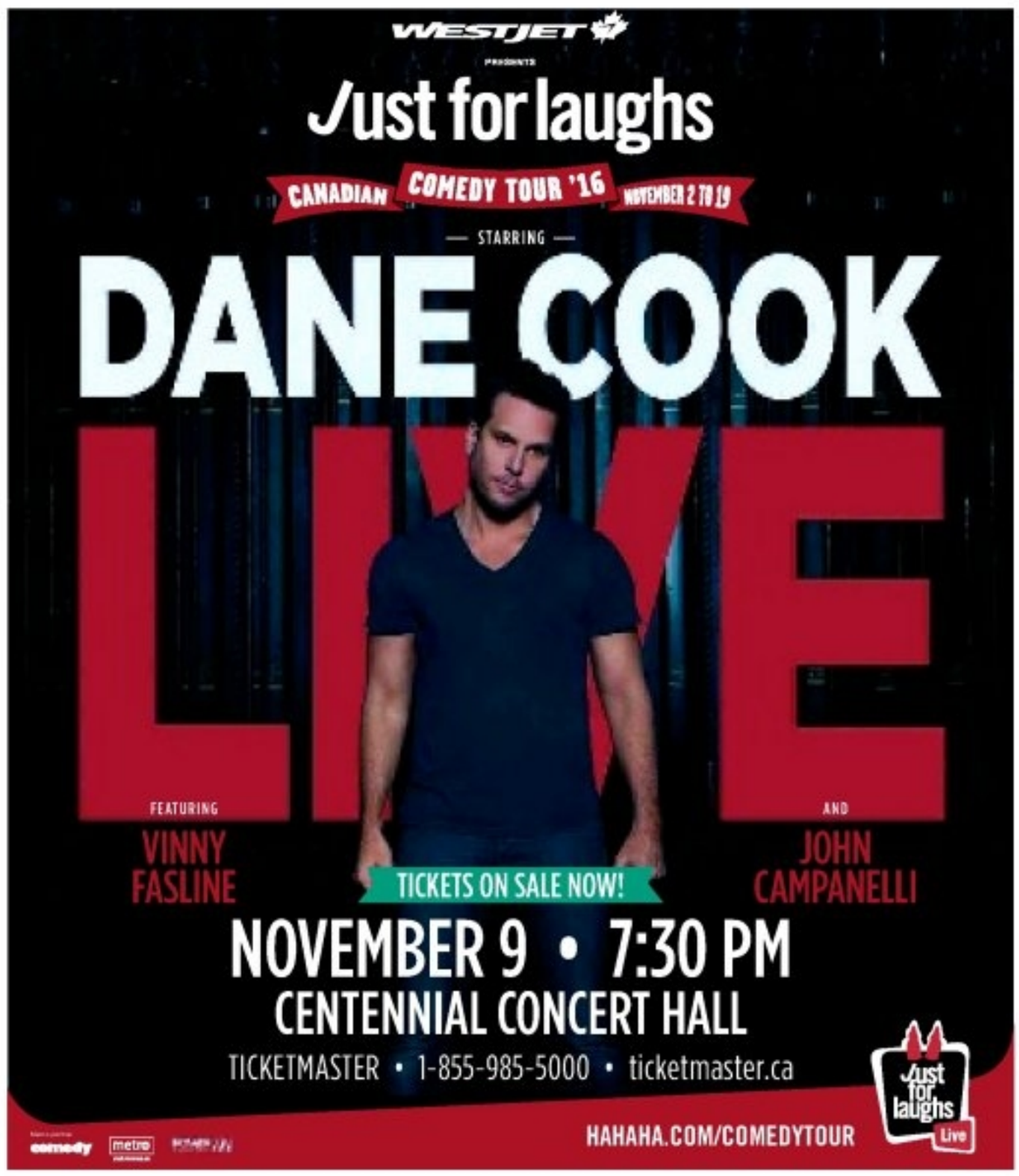
Young Nate grew up almost as a member of her family, befriending the woman's son Samuel (played by Armie Hammer as an adult) while still being obliged to work as an indentured field hand.

Nate discovers he has oratorical skills to complement his literacy and Bible knowledge. Samuel starts hiring him out as an itinerant preacher to neighbouring slave owners, who hope his hellfire-and-damnation speeches will quell rumbles of rebellion. The opposite occurs, once Nate is fully apprised of the horrors visited upon his fellow slaves.

The film bears obvious comparisons to 12 Years a Slave. But The Birth of a Nation is an even rougher and more intense experience than its Oscar-winning predecessor. One scene depicts the force-feeding of a slave on a hunger strike, who first has his teeth knocked out by a hammer.

Another grim scene has the camera moving backwards through a forest of dead slaves hanged as punishment for challenging their white masters. Nina Simone's haunting version of Strange Fruit plays on the soundtrack.

After three viewings, the most significant thing about The Birth of a Nation is its depiction of Nat Turner's transformation from a docile slave into a righteous rebel and free man. His conscience was moved by what he learned and he took action to right a wrong. The same might not be said about Parker, but his film is worth seeing regardless.



Bad publicity for Holocaust deniers

LEGAL BIOPIC

Rachel Weisz plays British historian in Denial

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

"It's fun being you," says actor Rachel Weisz to Deborah E. Lipstadt, both pictured on the set of Denial. Weisz filmed the outspoken historian on her iPhone to capture her personal history, mannerisms and attitude. CONTRIBUTED

"I can't understand why people don't always say what they are thinking," says Emory University professor Deborah E. Lipstadt. "I'm missing a certain filter. I say what I think."

Lipstadt, a specialist in modern Jewish history, emerged into public life from academia as the subject of a 1996 lawsuit brought against her by self-taught British historian and Holocaust denier David Irving. Irving, upset she singled him out in a book as a less-than-reputable historian, launched a libel lawsuit claiming Lipstadt and her publisher were part of a worldwide conspiracy to rob him of his livelihood.

Donations from benefactors like Steven Spielberg paid for the gruelling eight-week, £3,000,000 trial which boiled down to one main question: Is Irving a liar and a falsifier of history or simply a historian who sees things from Hitler's point of view? The stakes were high; if Irving won, his account of history would be given credence.

The sensational court case is chronicled in Denial, a new film starring Rachel Weisz as the outspoken academic.

"In the story of this trial and this case, a lot of very good people said to me, 'Don't do it,'" Lipstadt says. "A lot of people didn't want me to do it because they thought I'd be giving him publicity. How do you fight bad people without building them up and giving them a billion dollars of free publicity?"

But the publicity helped expose Irving and other deniers, says Weisz.

"I think the more people who know that the better. Most people don't know who David Irving is. He has his core group of followers and they're going to be very happy about this publicity. Or not. I don't know how they're going to feel about this, but it is more important that people should know about it. And nobody does. It doesn't really bother me that he's getting publicity. It's not good publicity."

"I think Rachel is right," says Lipstadt. "It's a balance. I knew fighting him would give him publicity but it would serve a purpose."

The British actress says capturing Lipstadt's essence — from the heavy Queens accent to her personal boldness —was "a beautiful, delicious challenge."

"Deborah came and hung out with me in New York," says Weisz, "sat in my kitchen for two days straight. I filmed her on my iPhone so I would be able to look back at it. Deborah told me stories about her childhood, her parents and about the trial. It was just being able to be near her and soak up her spirit and attitude and find the places were we intersect as people. There are some (people) when you find that you think, 'I could be this person if my life had gone differently.' It became imaginable to me then that I could be Deborah had my life gone that way."

Lipstadt describes watching Weisz's performance as "an out-of-body experience," adding that her friend, legal eagle Alan Dershowitz wrote her a note, saying, "She catches your accent but even more she captured your attitude."

"It's fun being you," says Weisz. "I enjoyed it. You get to say what you think. I like it, it's very healthy. Get it out."

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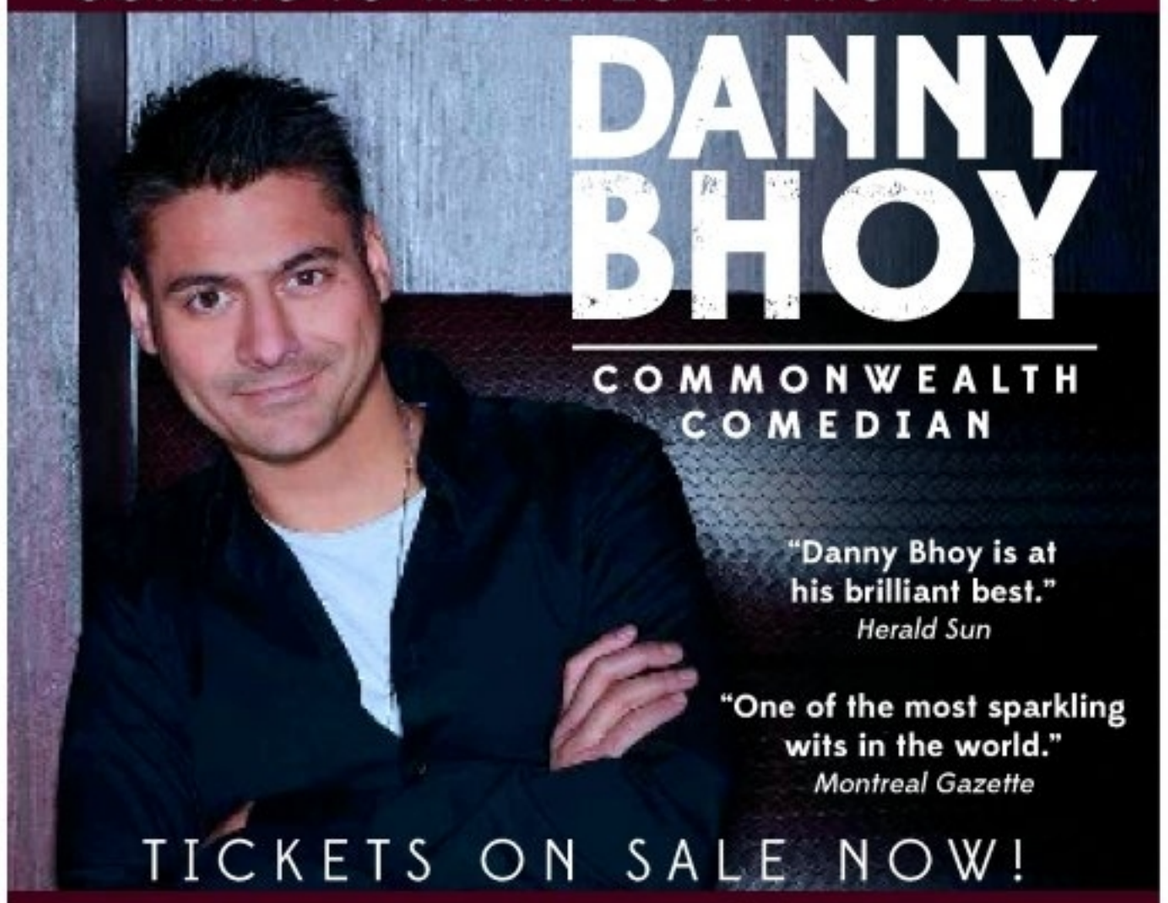

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Fox News under fire for 'racist' segment

WATTERS WORLD

Activists fume over offensive stereotypes in O'Reilly Factor

Watchdog and activist groups are outraged by a Fox News Channel segment in which an interviewer asked people in New York's Chinatown if he was supposed to bow to greet them, if they were selling stolen goods and if they could "take care of North Korea for us."

Several organizations condemned humourist Jesse Watters' piece on The O'Reilly Factor, calling it racist and demeaning to Asian-Americans.

"It's 2016. We should be far beyond tired, racist stereotypes and targeting an ethnic group for humiliation and objectification on the basis of their race," Asian American Journalists Association President Paul Cheung said in a letter to Fox that was posted online. He is also the director of interactive and digital news production for The Associated Press.

Cheung called on Fox to apologize to the Asian-American community and asked for "an explanation for how this type of coverage will be prevented in the future."

Watters asked people on the street about the presidential race, sought a demonstration of karate and showed footage of him getting a pedicure.

> **It's 2016. We should be far beyond tired, racist stereotypes**
> Paul Cheung

At one point in Monday's nearly five-minute segment, an elderly woman's silence in response to a query was paired with a clip from Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein, in which Madeline Kahn shouts, "Speak, speak, why don't you speak?!"

After the Watters World report concluded, Bill O'Reilly called it "gentle fun," adding, "we're gonna get letters, inevitably."

On Wednesday, the Asian Americans Advancing Justice affiliation said it was outraged by the "blatant, racist and offensive stereotypes of Chinese Americans."

"It is unconscionable that a news organization would sanction a segment that laughs at a community of people, including Watters ridiculing elderly Chinese Americans who were limited English-proficient," the group said.

U.S. Rep. Ted W. Lieu, D-California, weighed in as well.

"Note to Bill O'Reilly and Fox News: Your recent segment mocking Asian American voters and using every conceivable stereotype was, at best, racist and, at worst, really racist. I am not 'patient' or 'gentle' nor do I 'bow' when I say hello or know 'karate.' So let me gently say this: if you are not racist at heart, then you would apologize," Lieu said.

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Rob Ford saga inspired new CBC show

CREATOR INTERVIEW

Shoot the Messenger a series of sex, drugs and politics

A co-creator of the new CBC-TV crime drama Shoot the Messenger insists it's not a story about Rob Ford.

But Sudz Sutherland does admit he was inspired by the saga of the late former Toronto mayor as he helped craft the series, which stars Elyse Levesque as a newspaper reporter caught up in a web of gangs, murder, sex, drugs and politics in Toronto.

"It's not the Rob Ford story but ... we were all inspired by that and I thought that unmasked a lot of what was going on behind the scenes of the city," said Sutherland, who created the show with his wife Jennifer Holness.

"We thought, 'Hmm, that's really interesting,' so we wanted to actually explore these relationships between people who are super rich and political people with political power and people who are business leaders but have these skeletons in their closet."

Debuting Monday, the serialized show follows Levesque's character Daisy as she witnesses and then investigates the murder of a young Somali man.

Lyriq Bent plays the lead homicide detective, who is also Daisy's secret lover.

"A huge influence for me was Claire Danes of Homeland. That was a big inspiration for finding this person," said Levesque, who hails from Regina.

"But other than that I didn't base it on any actual living human being."

Co-stars include Alex Kingston as Daisy's editor, Lucas Bryant as her co-worker, Hannah Anderson as her sister, and Ari Cohen as the attorney general.

Guest stars include Barenaked Ladies lead singer Ed Robertson and former NBA stars Jamaal Magloire and Rick Fox.

"We've got the attorney general and we've got a group of young Somali men, so we took the barest piece of the Rob Ford stuff and that inspired us," said Sutherland.

"Then we also took a young reporter — nothing to do with the Rob Ford story — but we took somebody who actually witnessed a crime. So that was something that was really interesting to us, the fact that Daisy witnessed a crime and what would that be like if a reporter kind of becomes the story?"

Sutherland, who is also a director on the show, said he and Holness wanted Shoot the Messenger to have the same characteristics of a Netflix or HBO series.

"We wanted to bring that to the CBC, that highly serialized, really great, fun, guilty-pleasure-type show, things like Scandal."

He and Holness spoke with Toronto cops and reporters "to actually get into the underpinnings of what's going on in the city," he said.

"We really learned so much about how people really get down in the world, because there's a facade of how we think people behave, but really how people behave behind closed doors is really, really interesting.

"So that's the story we wanted to tell."

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Actors Lyriq Bent and Elyse Levesque, right, star in Shoot The Messenger. Levesque plays a newspaper reporter caught in a web of gangs, murder and politics in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

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No matter how you see it, salmon season awe-inspiring

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

From late July through to the end of October the rivers on the eastern side of Vancouver Island are teeming with hundreds of thousands of Pacific salmon.

On a recent excursion to the community of Campbell River I hooked up with Destiny River Adventures for an up-close and personal look at this natural phenomenon.

After having us don a wetsuit and snorkel gear, our guide immediately warded off any potential of sober second thoughts by making us jump off a small cliff into the town's chilly namesake river.

Then it was time to literally plunge face first into the water and let the current do the work. Although, the rapids might be considered relatively calm for rafters, as a snorkeller it was exhilarating to fly down the river, undulating over the rocks and having giant salmon darting around you as they battled upstream to lay their eggs.

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In addition to attracting snorkellers and sports fisherman, the annual salmon run provides a buffet for the local bear population. Discovery Marine Safaris offers a full-day Grizzly Bear Tour, which takes eager bear watchers by boat up Bute Inlet to Orford Bay, a small community on British Columbia's mainland and home to the Homalco First Nations people. Within the first two minutes of the land portion of the tour, our guide Janet was stopping on the edge of a river where we silently poured off the bus and watched two bears play on a log and tuck into a salmon lunch. By the end of the day we had seen five grizzlies, two Roosevelt Elk and numerous eagles.

After having seen the area by land and sea, we spent our last day exploring by air. In a six-seater 1954 DeHavilland DHC-6 Beaver floatplane to be exact.

Corilair's historic mail flight brings tourists along as they deliver the post to four small communities on the neighbouring Discovery Islands. It was an incredible way to get a bird's eye peek at life in the area, from the magnificent homes to chatting with the locals in communities like Refuge Cove, population six, with its weather worn wharves and verdant green forest.

After a stop in Surge Narrows, home of one of four floating post offices in Canada, we touched down in Big Bay where we grabbed a bottle of BC Pinot Noir from the supply store and toasted our day on the deck.

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ESSAYS

One writer's love-affair with Paris in autumn

Vivian Song
For Torstar News Service

I've always held a special affinity for Paris in the fall. While Parisians mourn the last days of summer and return begrudgingly to the city after their month-long holidays, I wait patiently for that first fall morning, when the weather turns, definitively announcing the season's arrival.

More than five years ago, I boarded a plane in Toronto and landed in Paris, and I fell under an enchantment which, I believe in hindsight, was produced by the bewitching effects of autumn, when the city takes on a dream-like quality that happens at no other time of the year.

It wasn't supposed to last this long. My original intent was to spend a year in France and return to Toronto recharged after living "la vie en rose." But in the days and weeks after arriving in mid-September, the autumnal skies, the rain-soaked cobblestone streets, and the way the gold-leaf trees cast a soft glow along the Seine seduced me, and I knew I had to stay.

In the same way couples reminisce with fondness about their days as young, broke newlyweds who shared their first meals sitting on the floor, on my five-year anniversary I found myself nostalgic for those early days when I was a starry-eyed tourist, euphorically happy with the simple pleasures of her new Parisian life.

My first introduction to my new neighbourhood upon stepping out of the cab was an olfactory one: layered under the heavy coolness of the crisp, autumn air was the maddening perfume of melting butter wafting from the crêperies lining my street — a smell I still associate with fall

When I arrived in Paris, I was jobless and poor. Money was tight and my only little luxuries were the edible kind. On a good week, I would head to the market and pick up a roast chicken leg, roasted potatoes, and a basket of figs.

A steaming cup of hot-chocolate is one of the great pleasures of Paris in the fall.

Just as boxes of clementines signal the start of winter in Canada, every year I look forward to the start of fall for fig season, an elegant fruit that's expensive and uncommon back home, but affordable and accessible in France.

I always bookmark the second weekend of October for one of my favourite Parisian festivals, the Fete des Vendanges, a food and wine-fuelled event in Montmartre where I tasted my first escargot thanks to a kindly stranger who insisted I sample one from his own plate.

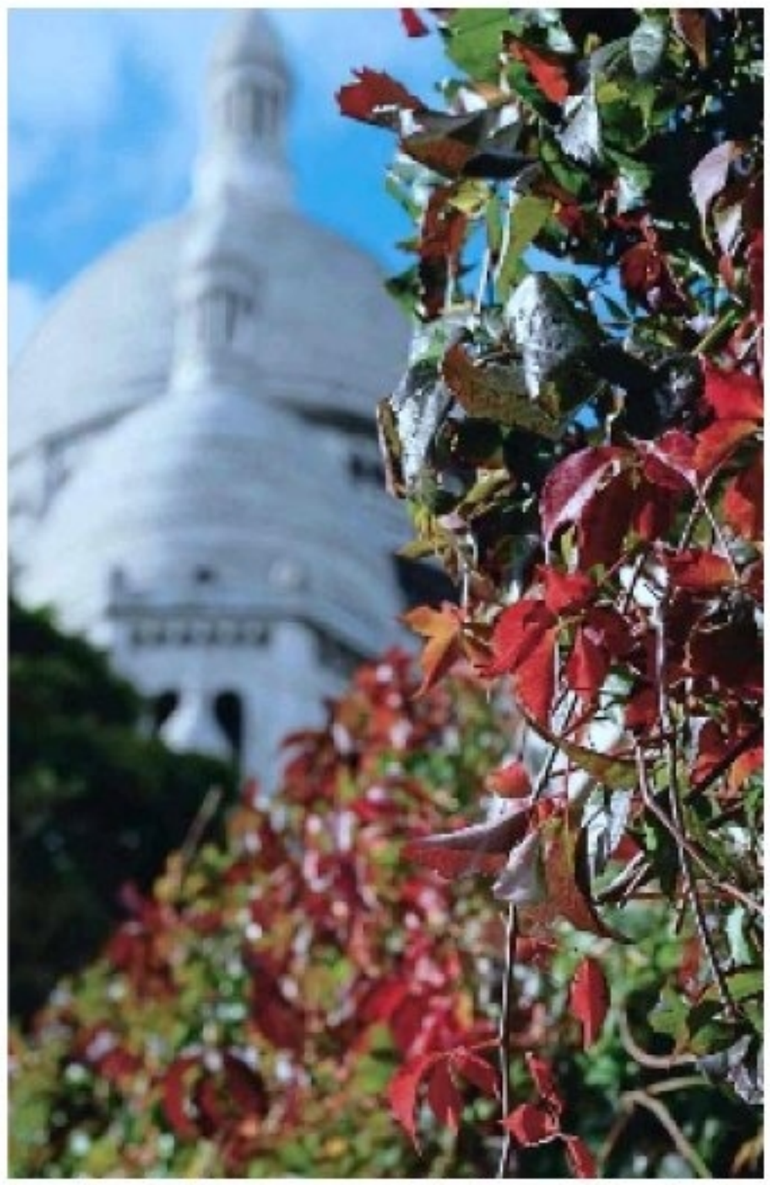
I reserve every free Sunday for strolling the Jardin du Luxembourg or the Jardin du Palais Royale and seek out the leafiest paths for the satisfaction of hearing and feeling the crunch of dead leaves beneath my feet.

Invariably, I catch myself marvelling at the distinctively Parisian way the leaves have browned at the edges or faded yellow, turning the city into the colour palate of the '70s.

In the summer, Paris becomes an artificial version of itself: the locals can't leave town fast enough, leaving stampedes of tourists to take over the city. I have yet to be reconciled with the cold, damp sunless Parisian winters. And while Parisian springs can be heart-stoppingly beautiful, I dread its arrival for the prosaic reality that it sends my allergies into overdrive.

Come fall, however, the gardens are more spacious as the tourist crowds have thinned. The locals have also returned. It's a homecoming I welcome; the absence of Parisians over the summer casts an artificial, unauthentic calm over the city.

Their return, and the sepia light of fall, draw out the real Paris: the brooding, beautiful, moody, poetic, melancholic and soul-stirring version.



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History, heat and fantastic beaches best describe a vacation in Malta, a sun-soaked archipelago in the Mediterranean Sea that's a popular destination for many Europeans.

Malta actually consists of three inhabited islands — Malta, Comino and Gozo — which are situated south of Italy and north of the African country Libya in the Mediterranean Sea.

The country's location has historically given it great strategic importance as a naval base, and a succession of powers, including the Turks, Knights of St. John, French and British, have ruled. The southern European island nation is now part of the European Union.

Military forts, inland and on the coasts, dot the islands and offer a fascinating insight into the country's history. The walled city of Mdina and St. Elmo's Fort in Valletta, where the island was defended against invaders, are worth a visit.

Churches are must-see attractions. The Mosta Dome, also known as the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady in Mosta, has a spectacular high-domed ceiling that was bombed in the Second World War but miraculously remained intact.

GETTING THERE

There are no direct flights from Canada to Malta; you have to fly to a city in Europe and then get a connecting flight.

The St. John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta, the country's capital, is home to the Knights (Grand Masters) of Malta. It contains many important works of art sanctioned by the Knights, including the painting The Beheading of St. John the Baptist by the Italian painter Caravaggio.

With summer temperatures consistently in the '30s with no rain, beaches are popular destinations for tourists and locals alike.

The stunning Blue Lagoon on Comino is a must-do when you are on the island. Boat tours make regular runs to Comino, but if you go you'll want to make a day trip out of it. Likewise the Azure Window on Gozo, a natural limestone arch, offers fantastic swimming on the rock beach below it.

One beach off the beaten track is St. Peter's Pool near Marsaxlokk on Malta.

It's a natural pool in a sheltered cove where jumping off four-metre cliffs into crystal-clear waters is easier than negotiating the rough, one-lane road to get to the attraction.

Marsaxlokk's daily fish market offers many delicacies caught the same day by local fishermen in their "luzzus," small, brightly painted fishing boats.

The narrow, hilly streets of Valletta have many shops and cafes popular with tourists, with regular bus and ferry service feeding the country's capital.

From the boardwalks of Sliema, which are lined with restaurants and cafes, it's an easy stroll to the beach for a quick dip in the sea.

Getting around the islands can be a challenge, although there is a reliable bus and ferry system.

It is best to rent a couple of cars and drivers with experience at using the left-hand drive system and the abundant roundabouts where choosing the correct turn can often a challenge.

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Tourists taken in by tall octopus tale

STATEN ISLAND

Hoax includes memorial, website and fake articles

Ever hear about the gargantuan octopus that dragged a New York City ferry and its 400 passengers to the river bottom nearly 53 years ago?

A cast bronze monument dedicated to the victims of the steam ferry Cornelius G. Kolff recently appeared in Battery Park at the southern tip of Manhattan, erected a stone's throw from a handful of other sombre memorials to soldiers, sailors and mariners lost at sea or on the battlefield.

But if you can't recall the disaster it could be because the artist behind the memorial, Joseph Reginella, made the whole thing up.

The 250-pound monument, which depicts a Staten Island ferry being dragged down by giant octopus tentacles, is part of a multi-layered hoax that also includes a sophisticated website, a documentary, fabricated newspaper articles and glossy fliers directing tourists to a phantom Staten Island Ferry Disaster Memorial Museum across the harbour.

The cast bronze faux monument by artist Joseph Reginella, dedicated to the memory of the victims of the steam ferry Cornelius G. Kolff. ULA ILNYTZKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It took Reginella six months to put it together.

He said the idea for the project came to him while he was taking his 11-year-old nephew from Florida on the ferry between Manhattan and Staten Island.

"He was asking me all kinds of crazy questions like if the waters were shark-infested," he said. "I said 'No, but you know what did happen in the '60s? One of these boats got pulled down by a giant octopus."

"The story just rolled off the top of my head" and the idea for a mock memorial was born.

It evolved to become "a multimedia art project and social experience — not maliciously — about how gullible people are," said Reginella, who creates artworks for store windows and amusement parks.

The monument never stays in one spot for more than two days "because the city will come and take it away," he said, adding that it takes two people to break it down.

"It's definitely an experience when you see people who don't know about it. They get this strange look on their face, they stare out at the water and walk away," he said. "I sit close by with a fishing pole and fish. I eavesdrop on the conversations."

Sometimes, he said, when he overhears people saying, "How come nobody has ever heard of this?" he'll interject, offering that the disaster happened on Nov. 22, 1963, a day that the news was dominated by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"It creates a plausibility for them, and they shake their head 'Maybe.'"

Puzzled tourists looking for the memorial museum on Staten Island and its supposed collection of wreckage with "strange suction-cup-shaped marks" sometimes wonder into the Snug Harbor Cultural Center asking for directions.

The staff at the nearby Staten Island Museum admits it too was puzzled at first.

"We kind of scratched our heads and said we don't know where it is and started looking further into it, and realized it was a hoax," said spokeswoman Rachel Somma.

"Most people have the feeling that it's not a reality. It's a treasure hunt for them. It's fun. That's what we love about it. ... It's great that it gets people out here," she added.

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THE TRUTH

One thing about the preposterous story is real. There really was a Cornelius G. Kolff ferry.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Toronto throttles Texas on both sides of the ball

It was a beatdown but this time the bad blood stayed under the surface.

Toronto rocked Cole Hamels for five runs in the third inning and a near flawless Marco Estrada delivered 8-1/3 stellar innings as the Blue Jays thumped the Texas Rangers 10-1 Thursday to win Game 1 of their American League Division Series.

Jose Bautista, Public Enemy No. 1 in Texas, slammed a three-run homer in the ninth inning off reliever Jake Diekman to rub salt in the wound. No bat-flip this time. He put his weapon down gently after the blast to left field, where the fan who caught the ball whipped it back into play.

The Jays slugger was happy to keep the focus on baseball rather than rehash Toronto's recent Hatfield-and-McCoy-like feuding with the Rangers.

"I wanted to avoid all the questions about the whole ordeal because we're baseball players, not UFC fighters, and we came here to play ballgames," Bautista said.

It was Bautista's fourth home run in his last eight post-season at-bats. He is tied with Joe Carter for most playoff homers by a Blue Jay with six.

Toronto came close to its first complete game of the season — and the first of Estrada's career. But Elvis Andrus tripled to open the bottom of the ninth and scored on Shin-Soo Choo's groundout. Manager John Gibbons then brought in Ryan Tepera to close the door.

"Two outs away from finishing it. Unfortunately I couldn't," said Estrada, who failed to convince Gibbons to keep him in. "But who cares, we won. That's all that matters."

The Blue Jays' Jose Bautista connects for a three-run home run against the Rangers during Game 1 of their American League Division Series in Arlington, Texas, on Thursday. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

ALDS Game 1

TORONTO	TEXAS
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Estrada gave up one run in 8-1/3 innings on four hits with six strikeouts in a 98-pitch performance with 72 strikes. In contrast, Hamels allowed a playoff career-high seven runs in 3-1/3 innings.

Estrada retired 12 straight batters at one point and faced just one batter over the minimum over eight innings.

The Jays sent nine men to the plate in the third, scoring five runs all with two outs. Troy Tulowitzki did the bulk of the damage with a three-run triple.

Melvin Upton Jr. hit a solo homer in a two-run fourth for Toronto. Josh Donaldson, who had two singles, two doubles and a walk on the day, drove in a run in each of the third and fourth. His four hits tied a club post-season mark.

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MLB NOTES

Murphy expected to play for Nats in Game 1 of NLDS

Dusty Baker expects injured second baseman Daniel Murphy to play for the Nationals in Game 1 of the NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, but Washington's manager still won't announce his Game 2 starter.

After Thursday's workout, Baker explained Murphy "says he's ready, so therefore we think he's ready." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baker, Roberts to make history for black managers

The NL Division Series between Dusty Baker's Washington Nationals and Dave Roberts' Los Angeles Dodgers is the first post-season matchup in major-league history involving two black managers.

It's a point of pride and can "show people that not only can we do the job, but we can do the job better than most," Baker said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Price still in search of his first post-season win

David Price wants to make his next post-season start unlike all his others.

"I want to go out there and win.... and I know that I'm capable of doing that," he said.

That would be a first.

Boston's left-hander is 0-7 in the post-season going into Friday's start in Game 2 of the AL Division Series against Cleveland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RUSSIA

Kremlin supports probe of kids' fights

The Kremlin has called for an investigation after state TV broadcast mixed martial arts fights between children as young as eight years old.

Ramzan Kadyrov, the strongman leader of the Russian region of Chechnya, entered three of his young sons into so-called exhibition bouts during a televised fight card Tuesday.

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Children under 12 are not allowed to step into the ring in Russia.

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters Thursday that the fact that one fight between 10-year-olds finished with a technical knockout was "a reason for the appropriate oversight agencies to inquire about this incident."

Peskov suggested the fights were a matter for children's rights ombudsman Anna Kuznetsova. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Italy and Spain play to draw in World Cup qualifier

Former world champions Italy and Spain played to 1-1 on Thursday, giving a chance for unheralded Albania to take the lead in their Europe qualifying group.

Albania moved to the top of Group G after winning in Lichtenstein 2-0.

Elsewhere, Mario Mandzukic bagged a hat trick as Croatia beat up Kosovo 6-0, while Wales conceded the lead twice away in Austria in a 2-2 draw. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hurricane Matthew wreaks havoc on football schedules

Fear of the damage that powerful Hurricane Matthew may cause prompted two college football postponements Thursday, and had the NFL plotting just-in-case scenarios for games scheduled in Tampa and Miami this weekend.

A pair of college games set to be played Saturday — LSU at No. 18 Florida, as well as Charlotte at Florida Atlantic — were postponed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DRUG TESTING

Pole vaulter tested positive for cocaine

Shawn Barber GETTY IMAGES

World champion pole vaulter Shawn Barber says a tryst with a woman he met on Craigslist led to a positive doping test for cocaine.

The 22-year-old from Toronto tested positive for trace amounts of the drug prior to the Rio Olympics, but the 2015 world champion was permitted to compete in Brazil after it was determined he inadvertently ingested the banned substance.

The report was released on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Bombers acquire former Argo Gurley

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed American receiver Tori Gurley on Thursday.

The six-foot-four, 230-pound Gurley was released earlier this week by the Toronto Argonauts, along with fellow receivers Vidal Hazelton, Kevin Elliott and Phil Bates.

"It's an experienced piece although he's young in terms of the CFL," Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea said. "He's had some production so that kind of experience is a good piece to add around this time of year."

Tori Gurley CFL

Hazelton and Elliott have also found new homes, agreeing to terms with Edmonton and Hamilton respectively.

Gurley had 36 catches for 509 yards and three TDs in 10 games with Toronto this season. He had 58 receptions for 791 yards and was tied for the CFL lead with 10 touchdowns last season. Prior to joining Toronto, Gurley spent four seasons in the NFL with Green Bay, Buffalo. Cleveland, Oakland, Minnesota, San Diego and Tampa Bay.

All four players were former starters with the Argos but reportedly weren't always good teammates. O'Shea said the Bombers did their due diligence regarding Gurley and felt secure in signing him.

"I'm confident in the guys we have in our room and I'm confident in the fact that when guys get here and they see the way we conduct business and the types of guys we have that they want to fit in," O'Shea said. " I'm quite confident that if he doesn't want to we'll know very quickly and that will be our answer."

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Boston presents new challenge to Clemson

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tigers' pivot Watson knows importance of each game

Clemson faces a very different kind of challenge less than a week after defeating Louisville in what might go down as the best game of the college football season.

Tigers coach Dabo Swinney might have to tell his players to B.Y.O.E to Boston College on Friday night: Bring your own energy. Literally and figuratively, Chestnut Hill, Mass., is a long way from Death Valley.

"Each game is very exciting," Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson said. "You only get 12 opportunities to play. You work so hard over the off-season and throughout the week preparing for those 12 Saturdays. Each game is very special. Each game is a championship game for us."

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson TYLER SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles (3-2, 0-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) should have their largest crowd of the season by far after averaging 23,465 at Boston College Alumni Stadium, capacity 44,500, for their first two home games. Fortunately for BC, it does not have to go head-to-head with the Red Sox playoff game against the Indians in Cleveland on Friday afternoon.

That should be close to wrapping up when the Tigers and Eagles kick off at around 7:30 ET. Still, Boston College has lost 10 straight conference games, so it is understandable if a visit from the No. 3 team in the nation produces more dread than excitement among Eagles fans.

The Eagles' three wins have come against Massachusetts, Buffalo and Wagner. The best team they have played so far was Virginia Tech, and they lost 49-0. Clemson (5-0, 2-0) is another level up.

"The issue you're going to have is you're just playing against some of the finest players in the country," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "That's the issue you're going to have. There're no weaknesses."

The Tigers won last season's meeting 34-17 and Watson threw for 420 yards. As has been the case the last couple seasons at BC, the defence is solid but there is just not much offence. The Eagles rank first in the ACC in yards per play allowed (3.53) and second-to-last in yards per play gained (5.02).

The Eagles are looking for their first victory against a top-10 team since they beat Southern California 37-31 on Sept. 13, 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL OBAMA HONOURS SID AND THE PENGUINS IN WASHINGTON U.S. President Barack Obama honoured Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins at the White House on Thursday for completing what he described as one of the most remarkable turnarounds in the history of the National Hockey League as they won their fourth Stanley Cup. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Anderson in line to start for Panthers in Cam's absence

Derek Anderson is preparing as if he will start Monday night against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with Cam Newton still in the league's concussion protocol.

The 33-year-old Anderson took reps with Carolina's first-team offence for the second straight day, while Newton did not attend the team's outdoor practice.

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ACC to hold tournament in N.C. despite LGBT law

The Atlantic Coast Conference will hold its men's lacrosse tournament at Duke University in North Carolina.

The league wrapped up two days of fall meetings Thursday. The ACC pulled 10 neutral-site championships out of North Carolina last month in response to a law that restricts the rights of LGBT people.

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Broken foot puts Kings' Gaborik on injured list

The Los Angeles Kings have placed right wing Marian Gaborik on injured reserve with a broken right foot.

The Kings formally made the move Thursday. Gaborik was struck by a shot while playing for Team Europe at the World Cup of Hockey last month. Gaborik is expected to be sidelined for at least eight weeks.

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RECIPE Roasted Veggie Pizza

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Pizza is a Friday night staple but give your pie an update with the addition of sweetly roasted vegetables, fragrant herbs and gooey Fontina cheese.

Ready in 35 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 mini potatoes
- 1 small beet
- 1/2 yellow zucchini
- 1/3 red onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 or 2 stalks of fresh rosemary
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper
- flat bread or prepared pizza crust
- 1 1/2 cups grated Fontina cheese

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Slice all your vegetables very thinly, particularly the potatoes so that they'll all cook through at the same pace. Place them on a baking sheet. Drizzle with oil, season with rosemary leaves and salt and pepper. Give everything a toss and then spread them out evenly on the sheet.
3. Bake for about 15 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Remove from the oven.
4. Place your flat bread or pizza crust on another baking sheet. Arrange the cooked vegetables, including the rosemary, on top. Sprinkle the cheese evenly across. Pop the whole thing back in the oven for 7 or 8 minutes, until the cheese is melted and beginning to brown.

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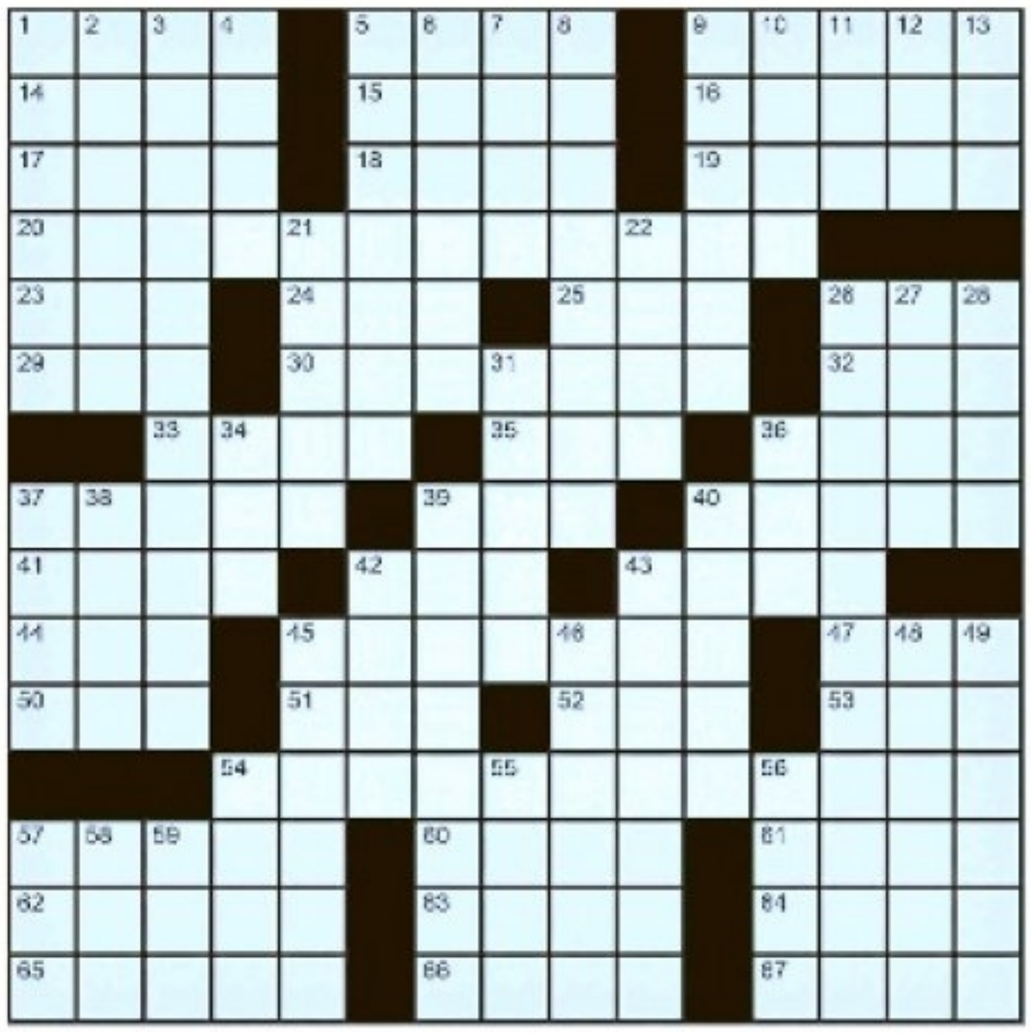
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



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1. Island nation near Florida
5. Musician/radio personality John
9. Packs away
14. "Come __!" (Welcome!)
15. "To Live and Die __ _'_" (1985)
16. Leg bone
17. Hybrid citrus
18. Gramp's wife
19. Bakery embellishment
20. British actress who portrays late Nova Scotia folk artist Maud Lewis in "Maudie" (2016): 2 wds.
23. Vine variety
24. Conference room happening, briefly
25. Shakespeare's wee country
26. Impair
29. Catch
30. Distinctly
32. Nero's deuce-ace
33. "If __ be so bold as to..."
35. Grassy field
36. Fiend
37. Fermented soybean pastes
39. Nord's opposite
40. __ acetate (Type of solvent)
41. Honorific in Turkey
42. Entirely
43. Ship's mooring post
44. Jersey's call
45. Totally run-down
47. Winnipeg airport code
50. Dadaist Jean
51. __, Sept., Oct....
52. Bio info
53. Hideaway
54. Northwest __ __ (String of airstrips through Edmonton, Alberta to Fairbanks, Alaska used during WWII to ferry thousands of Lend-Lease planes from the United States to the Soviet Union)
57. Voyageur's transport
60. Peruvian empire
61. Gladiator's 1901
62. Whac-_-_ (Arcade game)
63. Goblet part
64. Some old theatres
65. Haida mythology character
66. Stockings
67. Web connectors, briefly

DOWN
1. Melissa McCarthy, to Jenny McCarthy
2. __ Bay (Body of water between Baffin Island in Nunavut and the northern Quebec region of Nunavik)
3. Toronto Island Airport named after this WWI flying ace: 2 wds.
4. Indigo
5. Way to seal a container to prevent leakage
6. Madden
7. Cabbage dish
8. Longed
9. Cheap
10. Partners for Tacs (Mint candies)
11. Sash sort
12. Succeed
13. Droop
21. Famous gyms
22. Internal
26. Hockey flick franchise, with The, on Vancouver-born actor Joshua Jackson's resume: 2 wds.
27. Ethereal
28. Louis of Manitoba's history
31. Gene Vincent's "Be-Bop-_-_"
34. Extinct bird
36. Baseball's Mel
37. Mother, sometimes
38. Mr. Stravinsky
39. Torpid
40. Duck type
42. __ blue
43. Sports... Highly anticipated team event: 2 wds.
45. Lustrous sheets fabric
46. Singer/actor Mr. Bass'
48. Being-cleaned hallway bucket item: 2 wds.
49. Metamorphic rock variety
54. Exclusive
55. Keen on
56. Actor Mr. Katz
57. Automobile
58. US docs' org.
59. It continues

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Remember to get more sleep and more rest at this time, because you need it. Discussions with partners and close friends are important.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might be focused on health issues right now. Fortunately, the next 12 months are a good time for you to restore your health or do something to improve it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Take time off for fun and pleasure if possible. A vacation in the next week would be perfect for you. Enjoy sports, playful activities with children and romantic getaways.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This continues to be a strong time for home and family issues. Your interaction with a parent or senior family member might be important. .

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Try to be as clear as possible in all your communications with others. This is a strong time for those of you who write, sell, market, teach and act.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Trust your money-making ideas during the next week. In fact, you also are giving a lot of thought to your values in life. What really matters?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a fortunate time for you while the Sun is in your sign, because people and favorable situations are attracted to you. Make the most of this!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This week is a good time to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself because you like what you see in the mirror. You also want to socialize more, even though you are working behind the scenes.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Talk to a friend about your future plans because he or she might have helpful suggestions for you. In fact, all your interactions with others will benefit you now.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
TBecause you look so good in the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs, don't hesitate to ask for what you want. Make your pitch. This is your hour!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel will be a rewarding experience for you now, because you want to learn something and expand your experience of life. Take a course or further training, if possible.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your interactions with others, especially with friends and groups, will be active now, perhaps physically. You will do well in competition with physical sports!

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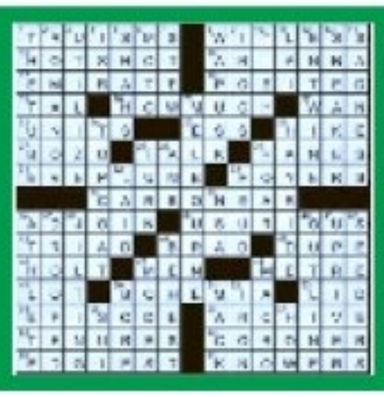

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